



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee Career Development Month raises awareness of the vital role Career and Technical Education (CTE) plays in providing the students of Tennessee with the qualifications needed to create a strong and highly skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has provided over \$500 million in Innovative School Models grants to every public high school and middle school so they can provide invaluable learning experiences that prepare students for success after graduation; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and success of Tennessee depends upon the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, work-based learning, apprenticeships, internships, and early postsecondary opportunities are proven strategies for developing a robust pipeline to fulfilling careers in diverse industries; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Student Organizations play a vital role in developing a refined, robust technical and dispositional skillset in a variety of high-growth, high wage, in-demand industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes that career development programs and career coaches provide support and guidance to ensure students partake in the necessary classes and opportunities to excel in postsecondary education, the military, or the workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11-15, 2024, as Early Postsecondary Opportunities Week; the week of November 18-22, 2024, as Apprenticeship Week; and the month of November in 2024, as

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in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-third day of October.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State