



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a rich history of focusing on Career and Technical Education (CTE), including rigorous academic, technical, and employability skills and content in K-12 and postsecondary education, preparing learners for advanced education, training, employment, and military service in aligned occupations and careers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee's work is grounded in four strategic priorities – Credentials of Value, Individualized Advising, Seamless Transitions, and Work-Based Learning – reshaping how students prepare for life during and after high school; and

WHEREAS, CTE provides students with a variety of differentiated opportunities, including Career and Technical Student Organizations, to improve the quality of their education and increase their technical, academic, and employability skills necessary for career readiness and future success; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to address the skills gap and connect qualified individuals with available careers to address expanding workforce needs in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is prioritizing CTE through individualized advising, seamless transitions, credentials of value, and work-based learning opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, since 2024, the State of Tennessee has increased training opportunities in K-12 education to prepare students for success in the emerging technology sectors, prioritizing CTE programs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee continues to prioritize and expand CTE-focused programs through a modernized framework in grades K-12 and postsecondary institutions to prepare students for future career pathways and success by providing opportunities for career planning, experiential knowledge, and skills-based training in essential occupations and careers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

Career and Technical Education Month

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 seventh day of January 2026.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Knight

Secretary of State