

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** February 5th through the 9th has been designated by SkillsUSA national association as *SkillsUSA Week*; and
- Whereas,** career and technical education provides students with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong and educated workforce that fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to leadership in the national and global economies; and
- Whereas,** career and technical education and SkillsUSA give high school students empowering experiences in the meaningful application of skills such as reading, writing and mathematics as well as the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills including personal skills, workplace skills and technical skills grounded in academics, thus improving the quality of their education, providing increased motivation to learn and giving all students leadership opportunities in their career fields, schools and communities; and
- Whereas,** career and technical education offers students opportunities to learn skills and have career experiences that may lead to further education or meaningful employment; and
- Whereas,** the cooperative efforts of career and technical educators working with business and industry stimulate the vitality of our nation's economy by preparing graduates for careers forecast to experience the largest growth within the next decade; and
- Whereas,** SkillsUSA is a national organization for students preparing more than 372,000 students annually enrolled in technical, skilled, and service occupations in middle schools, high schools and colleges/postsecondary programs to be high-performance workers.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 5-9, 2024* as:

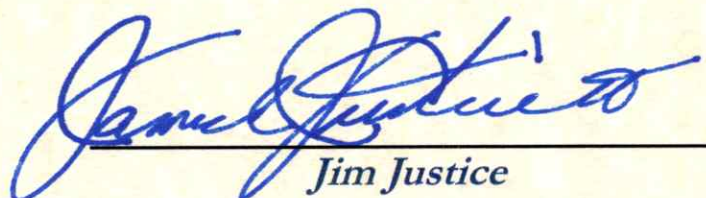
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

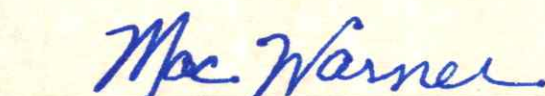
Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.





Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:



Mac Warner
Secretary of State