STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of the workforce, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our education system; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-career connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of skills, including reading, writing, and mathematics, improving the quality of their education; motivating potential dropouts; and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS: The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business, and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2013 as:

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by career and technical education programs in our state, and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 18th day of January.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR

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