

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

# STATE OF ARIZONA

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# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, February has been designated as Career and Technical Education month by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) of Arizona and National ACTE; and

**WHEREAS**, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers 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 basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their career 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 best education for all students is a rigorous education that blends the essential content of college prep studies with quality career technical education; 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; and

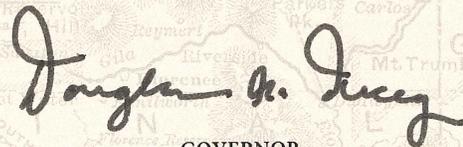
**WHEREAS**, DECA, Educators Rising, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA and VICA/Skills USA are non-profit educational, student leadership organizations whose purpose is to develop the leaders of the future work force.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 2016 as**

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community 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 to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourteenth day of December in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

