



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, this administration is committed to the promotion of career and technical education; and

**WHEREAS**, February 6-10, 2023, has been designated by the SkillsUSA national association as SkillsUSA Week;  
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 students 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 our leadership in the national and 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 at-risk students, and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and 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 economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecasted to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

**WHEREAS**, SkillsUSA – a national organization for students preparing for technical, skilled, and service occupations in high schools and colleges/technical schools – helps its members become world-class workers and responsible Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, SkillsUSA is preparing more than 300,000 students annually to be high-performance workers.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 6-10, 2023, to be

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in Missouri, and urge all its citizens to acquaint themselves with the purposes and activities of SkillsUSA and to give help and encouragement to the members who are working hard to achieve the goals that will make them outstanding skilled workers in our communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE