

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

SKILLSUSA WEEK

FEBRUARY 2nd-8th, 2025

- WHEREAS,** February 2-8 has been designated by the 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; and
- WHEREAS,** The development of SkillsUSA Framework skills including personal skills, workplace skills, and technical skills grounded in academics, thus improving the quality of education, providing increased motivation to learn, and providing all students with leadership opportunities in their career fields, schools, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Career and technical education offer 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 forecasted to experience the largest growth within the next decade; and
- WHEREAS,** SkillsUSA is a national organization for students preparing for more than 380,000 members annually in technical, skilled, and service occupations in middle schools, high schools, and colleges/postsecondary programs to be high-performance workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 2nd-8th, 2025 as SKILLSUSA WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 2nd day of February

Two Thousand and twenty-five



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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State

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