

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

*A Proclamation*

*Whereas* the national SkillsUSA Association has designated February 5-11, 2017, as SkillsUSA Week; 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 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 life 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 forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

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

*Therefore, be it resolved that* I, Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim February 5-11, 2017, as

**SKILLSUSA WEEK**

in the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens.



*Tony Evers*

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

