A Proclamation

Whereas, February 3rd-9th, 2019, 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 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 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 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 annually more than 34,000 students in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be high-performance workers,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim February 3-9th, 2019, to be,

SKILLSUSA WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this thirty-first day of January, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Charles Baker
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Karyn E. Polito
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

William Francis Galvin
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts