

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, February 1-28, 2026, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological advances necessitate a capable, educated workforce with career ready skills, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education connects Americans with potential careers and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry, contributes to American leadership in the international marketplace, and fills the growing skills gap; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of academic, employability and technical skills, thus improving the quality of their education and increasing student engagement; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and for meaningful work; 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 greatest demand in the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

Career and Technical Education Month

in Appleton 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

Signed and sealed this 11th day of February 2026.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

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