RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of career and technical educators, business, and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and of the entire nation, by preparing graduates for careers that are forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education serves as the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce and contributes to Florida's mission to become the global destination for jobs and America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the workers of tomorrow are in our classrooms today, and career and technical education provides Floridians with a school-to-careers connection, helping students experience practical and meaningful applications of any number of skills; and

WHEREAS, more than 559,000 secondary job preparation and post-secondary career and technical education students in Florida engage in this type of meaningful education; and

WHEREAS, secondary schools in all 67 school districts, all 28 Florida public colleges and 47 technical centers offer career and technical education courses; and

WHEREAS, more than 232,000 secondary students are enrolled in more than 1,900 registered Career and Professional Education Academies and nearly 3,000 registered career-themed courses and have earned almost 57,000 industry certifications; and

WHEREAS, over 8,000 secondary career and education teachers are inspiring students to succeed in college and careers; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills and gain advanced workforce training, providing career choices and potential satisfaction;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2015 as *Career and Technical Education Month.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 23rd day of January, in the year two thousand fifteen.

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