



**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH IN FLORIDA**

**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 that of the entire nation, by preparing graduates for careers that are forecasted 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 America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education provides Floridians with career focused technical skills through practical and meaningful experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 431,000 secondary job preparation students and 214,000 postsecondary 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 Colleges and 49 technical centers offer career and technical education courses; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 517,000 secondary students are enrolled in one of over 2,000 registered career and professional education academies and more than 17,000 of these students registered in career-themed courses; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida students have earned over 123,000 industry certifications and over 40,000 digital tools certificates; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, providing career choices and potential career satisfaction;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2019 as *Career and Technical Education Month in Florida*.

**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 7th day of February, in the year two thousand nineteen.



  
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Governor