



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, as the third most populous state in the nation with the 15th largest global economy, Florida recognizes the pivotal role of career and technical education (CTE) in cultivating expertise within key industries; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has made workforce training a top priority of his administration to make Florida the nation's foremost leader in workforce education by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Florida stands at the forefront of fostering essential education in sectors crucial to the state's sustained growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Florida is responding to the need to generate 2 million new jobs by 2030 by placing a specific emphasis on in-demand sectors of skilled workers, notably in semiconductor, aviation, energy, cybersecurity and information technology; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida has demonstrated unparalleled commitment to workforce education through a historic investment exceeding \$8.5 billion, making Florida the #1 state in the nation for workforce education; and

WHEREAS, Florida has achieved record-breaking Career and Technical Education enrollments, with over 800,000 K-12 students and 480,000 postsecondary students, reflecting a remarkable 30% increase in postsecondary enrollment since Governor Ron DeSantis took office; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs in Florida have experienced significant growth, with enrollment increasing by 15% to serve over 183,000 individuals, and the expansion of Integrated Education and Training programs reaching an unprecedented 500 initiatives that bridge adult education with career opportunities and pathways to postsecondary success; and

WHEREAS, Florida's apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs now support a record 22,444 active participants, representing a 14% year-over-year increase, accompanied by a 21% growth in newly registered apprenticeship programs and an 8% increase in apprenticeable occupations, thereby fortifying the state's pipeline of skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, Florida has awarded 443,191 rapid credentials to date, underscoring its steadfast dedication to workforce readiness. In 2023 alone, 76,800 credentials were conferred, marking a 14.16% increase from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant aimed to expand registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs has awarded over \$85 million, funding over 320 proposals and impacting over 15,000 participants; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program has been allocated \$200 million to bolster workforce education and training, most recently awarding \$90 million to support 60 agencies—including 48 school districts and 12 Florida College System institutions—facilitating the launch or expansion of 130 programs; and

WHEREAS, the state's first-of-its-kind outreach and recruitment campaign, Get There—Florida's Workforce Education Initiative continues connecting students and job seekers with high-value career pathways; and

WHEREAS, initiatives such as Your Way have encouraged individuals to achieve educational milestones, including obtaining high school diplomas and improving English proficiency, while Future of Work Florida has underscored Florida's commitment to preparing students, parents, and businesses for a dynamic and prosperous future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2025 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 27th day of January, in the year two thousand twenty-five.

A blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis, written over a horizontal line.

Governor