



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 that 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 America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the workers of tomorrow are in our classrooms today, 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 415,000 secondary job preparation students and 185,000 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 all 48 technical centers offer career and technical education courses; and

WHEREAS, more than 430,000 secondary students are enrolled in one of over 2,060 registered Career and Professional Education Academies and more than 15,300 registered Career-Themed Courses; and

WHEREAS, Florida students have earned over 82,000 industry certifications and over 23,000 digital tools certificates; and

WHEREAS, nearly all of Florida's public technical centers accepted the "Ready, Set, Work" Guarantee Challenge to guarantee businesses that their workers will be ready to work on the very first day in the job, or will be retrained at no cost to the business or the student; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, 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 2017 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 first day of February, in the year two thousand seventeen.



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