

# PROCLAMATION

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH IN FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education (CTE) serves as the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, offers lifelong learning opportunities, and contributes to Florida's leadership in the national and international marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, Increasing the availability to all Floridians of high-quality CTE programs and credentials is a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, CTE provides Floridians with a school-to-career connection, helping students experience practical and meaningful applications of numerous skills; and

**WHEREAS**, secondary schools in all 67 school districts, all 28 Florida colleges and 48 technical colleges and centers offer high-quality CTE coursework, certifications, skills-based education, degrees, and cocurricular programs; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 800,000 K-12 CTE students, representing the highest number of CTE students enrolled at the K-12 level in the State's history, more than 380,000 postsecondary CTE students, and over 17,000 Registered Apprentices in workforce education; and

**WHEREAS**, locally over 800 secondary students are currently enrolled in one of the ten Career and Technical Education programs and more than 30 registered career-themed courses; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, Okeechobee students earned 475 industry certifications among nearly 30 different certifications offered; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Okeechobee County School Board supports the valuable work of its Career and Technical Educators in doing their part to positively impact our district, provide meaningful opportunities to our students and create a more qualified workforce for our community.

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**Passed and adopted** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Chairman

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