

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2026 AS ALABAMA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, February 2026 has been designated National Career and Technical Education (CTE) month by the Association for Career and Technical Education, providing an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and impact of CTE programs across the nation and state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's CTE programs continue to serve as a vital and rigorous component of the state's educational system, equipping students with the academic knowledge, technical competencies, and employability skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly complex and competitive workforce; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's CTE initiatives strengthen the alignment between K-12 education, postsecondary institutions, and workforce development, fostering innovation and economic growth at the local, regional, and state levels; and

WHEREAS, strategic partnerships between Alabama's CTE programs and business and industry leaders ensure that students are prepared with the communication, leadership, and technical skills essential for success in both college and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, students across Alabama benefit from meaningful, hands-on learning experiences through apprenticeships, internships, simulated workplaces, and other work-based learning opportunities that prepare them for real-world challenges and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, two out of every three Alabama high school students are currently enrolled in CTE programs, underscoring the broad reach and transformative impact of these opportunities on student engagement, achievement, and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) such as DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, JAG, JROTC, SkillsUSA, and TSA play a pivotal role in cultivating student leadership, civic responsibility, and workforce preparedness through co-curricular experiences; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, more than 118,000 Alabama students actively participated in CTSOs, and students statewide earned more than 40,000 industry-recognized credentials, demonstrating the strength and effectiveness of Alabama's CTE system in preparing students for high-skill, in-demand careers; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's CTE programs prepare students for a lifetime of success by providing opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials, gain workplace experience, and earn college credit while still in high school; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim February 2026 as Alabama Career and Technical Education Month and encourages local boards of education, schools, business professionals, and community organizations to participate in this celebration through activities that demonstrate the importance of Alabama's career and technical education programs and their positive impact on student achievement.

Done this 8th day of January 2026