

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1-28, 2021
AS ALABAMA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education programs have become a rigorous and vital part of the total educational system, which is committed to providing students with rewarding opportunities to gain valuable academic, career, and life skills; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education builds collaborative connections among education and workforce development in support of a healthy Alabama economy; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education programs are successfully partnering with international business and industry to ensure students are equipped with communication and leadership skills required for college and career success; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education programs are continually providing students with opportunities to gain valuable hands-on experience through apprenticeships and internship programs; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education programs are preparing students for "a lifetime of success" by providing them opportunities to earn industry recognized credentials, workplace experience, and college credit while still enrolled 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 1-28, 2021, 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 program and their positive impact on student achievement.

Done this 14th day of January 2021