

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1-29, 2024 AS ALABAMA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, February 2024 has been designated National Career and Technical Education month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

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 programs build collaborative connections among education and workforce development that stimulates growth and vitality in Alabama's local, regional, and state economy; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education programs are successfully partnering with 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, internship programs, and work-based learning; and

WHEREAS, two out of every three high school students in Alabama currently participates in a career and technical education program; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) provide a proactive approach to workforce development by infusing leadership development with technical training; and

WHEREAS, 118,000 Alabama students were active members of DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, JAG, JROTC, SkillsUSA, and TSA last year; 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 1-29, 2024, 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 February 2024