

SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAMATION #23-07

WHEREAS, February 2023 has been designated Career and Technical Education Month® by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education (“CTE”) offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS, students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 11,000 career and technical education students in Clay County in this type of meaningful education; and

WHEREAS, all secondary schools in Clay County offer career and technical education courses; and

WHEREAS, more than 7,000 CTE students are enrolled in one of the over 62 registered Career and Professional Education Academies and earned 123 certifications in 2009, and such certifications have increased each year to 1275 in 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, over 130 secondary career and technical education teachers in Clay County are inspiring students to succeed in college and careers; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education prepares students for fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Clay County, Florida, do hereby proclaim **February 2023**, as *Career and Technical Education Month*

Duly adopted and approved by the School Board of Clay County, Florida, this 2nd day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

David Broskie
Superintendent of Schools
Clay County, Florida

Ashley Gilhousen, School Board Chair