

**PROCLAMATION #18-09**  
**Career and Technical Education Month**  
**February 2018**



**WHEREAS**, February 2018 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 7,300 CTE students are enrolled in one of the over 60 registered Career and Professional Education Academies and earned 123 certifications in 2009, and such certifications have increased each year to 1,968 in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, over 120 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**, the Superintendent and the School Board of Clay County, Florida, do hereby proclaim **February 2018**, as ***Career and Technical Education Month***

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Carol Studdard, Chair

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Date

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Addison G. Davis, Superintendent

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