

PROCLAMATION
Career and Technical Education Month
February 2014



WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation, by preparing graduates for careers that are forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education serves as the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides Clay County students with a school-to-careers connection, helping students experience practical and meaningful applications of any number of skills; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 10,000 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 nearly 60 registered Career and Professional Education Academies and have earned more than 1,370 industry certifications a year; and

WHEREAS, over 114 secondary career and technical education teachers in Clay County are inspiring students to succeed in college and careers; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, providing career choices and potential satisfaction,

NOW THEREFORE, the Superintendent and the School Board of Clay County, Florida, does hereby proclaim February 2014, as *Career and Technical Education Month*

Carol Studdard, Chairman

February 20, 2014

Charlie Van Zant, Jr. Superintendent

February 20, 2014

