

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Career and Technical Education Month**  
**February 1-28, 2010**

**WHEREAS:** February 1-28, 2010, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

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

**WHEREAS:** career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

**WHEREAS:** career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

**WHEREAS:** career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

**WHEREAS:** the ever-increasing cooperative 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 career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

**NOW THEREFORE,** The School Board of Clay County, Florida, does hereby proclaim **February 1-28, 2010**, as

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and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits town/county offered by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

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Lisa Graham, Chairman

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February 18, 2010

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Ben Wortham, Superintendent

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February 18, 2010