

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Career and Technical Education Month**  
**February 2012**



**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 9,000 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 5,000 CTE students are enrolled in one of the nearly 56 registered Career and Professional Education Academies and have earned more than 1,000 industry certifications a year; and

**WHEREAS**, over 100 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 2012**, as ***Career and Technical Education Month***

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Carol Studdard, Chairman

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February 16, 2012

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Ben Wortham, Superintendent

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