



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated the month of February 2016 as "Career and Technical Education Month" nationally; and

WHEREAS, employment trends and opportunities in New Jersey and throughout the world are rapidly evolving due to economic and technological changes, and career and technical education programs enable our students to meet these new demands; and

WHEREAS, parents and students in New Jersey seek educational choices that will launch students on rewarding career pathways with opportunities for continued education, specialized skills and professional growth; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education programs provided in New Jersey's 21 county vocational-technical school districts and in more than 100 traditional high schools successfully prepare more than 90,000 secondary students each year for college and careers in a wide variety of industries and professions; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education programs of the 21st Century link rigorous academics, technical knowledge and real-world and college-level experiences to help students develop workplace skills valued by employers and better prepare them for post-secondary education and challenging careers; and

WHEREAS, school districts throughout the State that provide career and technical education thrive due to the support of thousands of New Jersey employers who believe in the mission of the schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

in New Jersey and encourage all residents of the Garden State to learn more about the opportunities offered by the vocational-technical school districts in their counties.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixteenth day of February in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim D'Amico

Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie

GOVERNOR