



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated the month of February 2017 as "Career and Technical Education Month" nationally; and

WHEREAS, teachers, administrators, and school counselors involved in career and technical education serve more than 193,700 secondary and postsecondary students in the Garden State; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education programs incorporate a rigorous academic core coupled with a high-level technical curriculum to prepare students to be college and career ready; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education builds collaborative connections among education, economic development and workforce development to support healthy economic growth; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers opportunities for student leadership experiences supporting personal and professional growth, opportunities to apply academic knowledge and skills in meaningful contexts through partnerships with postsecondary institutions, business, industry, and community; and

WHEREAS, seven state career and technical student organizations serve more than 49,000 students in New Jersey through membership in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); National FFA Association; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); DECA Inc., an Association of Marketing Students; HOSA - Future Health Professionals; Technology Student Association (TSA) and SkillsUSA; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive, innovative approach of career and technical education prepares students as global citizens for a lifetime of career and education choices;

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

**FEBRUARY 2017**

AS

**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 thirty-first day of January in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

  
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