



**OC pathways**  
Partnerships for College and Career Success



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# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, February 2024, has been designated National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month to honor students who have chosen to pursue career and technical education as a means of acquiring real-world skills to compete in the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, profound economic and technical changes in Orange County, CA are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

**WHEREAS**, CTE prepares students for high-wage and high-demand careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials that align to Orange County's regional workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, CTE provides students with career exploration opportunities, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, CTE programs provide students with opportunities to gain invaluable hands-on experience through internships, apprenticeships, and other work-based learning experiences that are embedded in CTE programs in Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, OC Pathways collaborates with Career Counseling Coordinators in Orange County to focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of students in Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, Career Counseling Coordinators, administrators, school counselors, and CTE teachers help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, OC Pathways supports the Orange County region by identifying and utilizing community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive CTE programs in Orange County to help students become productive members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, Career and Technical Education is offering a path to success in the 21st century economy while helping to address the urgent need for skilled labor in high-demand industries, thus enabling numerous Orange County students to secure gainful employment and lead productive, fulfilling lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that Orange County, California and the Board of Education of the Orange Unified School District hereby recognize February as

## “CTE Month”

and extends sincere best wishes to all the talented young students who have chosen Career and Technical Education as a way to achieve their long-term professional goals.

Dated this 8th day of February 2024

Madison Miner, Board Clerk