



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is preparing for a time of unprecedented change; by 2030, the state will be home to 26 million residents with one of the most diverse populations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, now the third most populous state in the nation and home to the 15th largest economy in the world, Florida is witnessing rapid technological disruption and innovation across all sectors of industry; and

WHEREAS, Florida needs to create 2 million net new jobs by 2030, jobs that are, and will be, in-demand, including many that are experiencing significant shortages of skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education fuels the growth and vitality of our local economy, offering students the ability to pursue hands-on learning in critical areas of growth, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity and information technology; and

WHEREAS, this year, Florida awarded nearly \$30 million for workforce development to the Space Coast region and \$8.2 million to five state colleges to triple the capacity of CDL training programs; and

WHEREAS, this administration has shown tremendous support in career and technical education, with a record \$579 million to support workforce education programs in 2022-2023; and

WHEREAS, with this investment, Florida has now invested more than \$5 billion in workforce education since 2019; and

WHEREAS, nearly 800,000 K-12 students are enrolled in high quality CTE coursework, representing the highest number of CTE students enrolled at the K-12 level in the State's history, and more than 380,000 postsecondary students are engaged in CTE credentialing programs; and

WHEREAS, access to high-quality apprenticeship programs grew by 70 new apprenticeship programs for a total of 320 programs across the State since 2019, with over 17,000 registered preapprentices and apprentices in Florida; and

WHEREAS, since 2019, nearly 250,000 rapid credentials have been awarded, with 93,072 just this past year, and, in 2021, Florida's K-12 students earned over 282,000 industry certifications; and

WHEREAS, since 2020, the Perkins V Entrepreneurship Education and Training Grant has awarded \$5.5 million to 45 individual institutions across Florida—number one in the world for entrepreneurship education and training, with more than 20,000 students earning an industry certification in Entrepreneurship and Small Business; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2022, the first of its kind statewide outreach and recruitment campaign, Get There—Florida's Workforce Education Initiative celebrated its second anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in the Summer of 2022, Future of Work Florida was launched as a proponent of Get There, to proclaim to businesses, parents, and students that Florida has a dynamic, long-term plan to fuel the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2023, as *Career and Technical Education Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-three.


Governor