



**Adoption Resolution
February 5, 2025**

State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution in Recognition of Career and Technical Education Month in New Jersey

Whereas, the month of February 2025 has been designated nationally as Career and Technical Education Month[®] by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

Whereas, teachers, administrators, and school counselors involved in career and technical education help more than 143,000 secondary and postsecondary students in New Jersey pursue a range of career pathways; and

Whereas, career and technical education programs incorporate a rigorous academic core coupled with high-level technical curriculum to deliver opportunities for students to earn college credit, industry-valued credentials, and work-based learning to be college and career ready; and

Whereas, career and technical education prepares New Jerseyans for the jobs that exist today and equips them with the skills employers will need in the future; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Education has continued to implement a variety of career and technical education initiatives, including the Building Capacity for Career Pathways, Esports Industry Career Exploration, and Expanding Career Pathways in Artificial Intelligence programs; and

Whereas, career and technical education offers opportunities for student leadership experiences supporting personal and professional growth through seven State career and technical student organizations currently serving approximately 46,000 students in New Jersey through membership in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); National FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America) Organization; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); DECA, an Association of Marketing Students; Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA); Technology Student Association (TSA); and SkillsUSA; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education hereby recognize February 2025 as Career and Technical Education Month in New Jersey and the potential of career and technical education to fully prepare students for postsecondary success.

Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

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