



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
February 5, 2020

Resolution for National Career and Technical Education Month

Whereas, the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February 2020 as Career and Technical Education Month nationally; and

Whereas, more than 184,669 students in secondary and postsecondary institutions across New Jersey benefit from career and technical education; and

Whereas, career and technical education programs deliver real-world skills and hands-on experience for students, an opportunity to earn college credit, industry certifications and work-based learning while in high school, and a chance to explore career options; 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 Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program, the Building Capacity for Career Pathways initiative and the County Vocational School District Partnership initiative to provide students with the opportunity to earn recognized postsecondary credentials and gain industry experience in a variety of career pathways; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Education's Expanding Pre-Apprenticeship in a New Direction (ExPAND) grant will equip high school students with the technical skills needed for entry into a registered apprenticeship; and

Whereas, seven state career and technical student organizations currently serve approximately 47,200 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, 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 Commissioner of Education hereby recognize February 2020 as Career and Technical Education Month in New Jersey and the potential of career and technical education to fully prepare our students for postsecondary success.

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