

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
RESOLUTION - 2016 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH
Adopted: January 29, 2016

WHEREAS, the month of February 2016 is celebrated nationally as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education programs link rigorous academics, technical knowledge, real-world experiences, and college-level learning to help students develop career-ready skills and prepare them for post-secondary education with a clear career focus; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 21 county vocational-technical school districts are the primary delivery system to high quality career and technical education in the Garden State, enrolling more than 32,500 high school students in career pathway programs that prepare them for college and career success; and

WHEREAS, the county vocational-technical school districts also provide more than 5,000 adults with hands-on career training that responds to the workforce needs of employers throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, county-supported vocational-technical schools are valued as a shared service that enables New Jersey residents to access high quality education and career training, cutting edge equipment, and work-based learning experiences on a cost-effective, regional basis; and

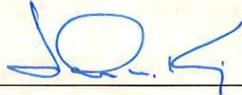
WHEREAS, local, regional, and global employers value and support county vocational-technical school programs to ensure their alignment with industry expectations and needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Association of Counties Board of Directors that

1. The month of February 2016 shall be celebrated in New Jersey counties as "Career and Technical Education Month"
2. County officials are encouraged to learn more about career and technical education, vocational-technical school programs in their county, and the well-paying careers pathways that can be launched with an industry credential and/or a technical degree; and

3. New Jersey employers are encouraged to become active partners with their local county vocational-technical schools to align curriculum with their workforce needs and provide meaningful work-based learning opportunities to students.

Signed: _____



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