



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society place more challenging responsibilities on our education system; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of career and technical educators, businesses and industries stimulate our local economy and nation, by preparing graduates for careers that are projected to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education serves as the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, more than 570,000 secondary job preparation and postsecondary career and technical education students in Florida engage in this type of meaningful education; and

WHEREAS, secondary schools, 28 Florida Colleges and 47 technical centers offer career and technical education courses that help students experience practical application of their skills and award more than 45,000 industry certifications; and

WHEREAS, more than 187,000 secondary career and technical education students are enrolled in one of Florida's more than 1,500 registered Career and Professional Education Academies; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, providing advanced career choices and job satisfaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2013 as ***Career and Technical Education Month***.

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 22nd day of January, in the year two thousand thirteen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

