



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida recognizes and promotes the value of career and technical education (CTE), and my administration has pledged to make Florida number one in the nation for workforce education by 2030; and

WHEREAS, we have continued Florida's investment of \$10 million for the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program to provide high-quality pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities for students by providing them with an avenue to help meet the needs of our rapidly growing workforce; and

WHEREAS, in September we launched Get There Florida, a premiere workforce education initiative to increase enrollment in our state's high quality CTE programs at our 28 state and 48 technical colleges; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Perkins V State Plan was formally approved by Governor Ron DeSantis and subsequently by United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, which ensured the receipt of more than \$73 million to support school districts, technical colleges, and state colleges in delivering career and technical education to Florida students over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, Florida secured \$6.5 million in performance funding for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at career technical centers and secured \$14 million in performance funding for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at Florida College System institutions; and

WHEREAS, our state has obtained approval of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Unified State Plan (WIOA), ensuring \$46 million to annually support adult education, adult basic education and high school equivalency programs; and

WHEREAS, Florida received an additional \$450,000 from the United States Department of Labor to expand capacity to enroll registered apprentices, in addition to a \$3 million grant used to enroll economically disadvantaged Floridians in apprenticeship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Florida was awarded \$10.9 million CARES Act dollars, supporting 69 agencies, to build capacity for CTE infrastructure and equipment to support in-demand CTE programs of study for K-12 students; and

WHEREAS, Florida was awarded \$35 million, in partnership with all districts with an accredited technical college and all Florida College System institutions, to support 59 institutions in rapidly enrolling and completing students in high-demand, high value, short term career and technical education programs; and

WHEREAS, more than 491,000 secondary students are enrolled in one of over 2,000 registered Career and Professional Education Academies and more than 15,300 registered Career-Themed Courses, earning more than 138,000 industry certifications and over 49,000 digital tools certificates; and more than 392,000 postsecondary CTE students and 20,000 Registered Apprentices in Florida are engaged in quality workforce education annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2021, 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 9th day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor