



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation, by preparing graduates for careers that are forecast 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, career and technical education provides Floridians with a school-to-careers connection, helping students experience practical and meaningful applications of any number of skills; and

WHEREAS, more than 565,000 secondary job preparation and postsecondary career and technical education students in Florida engage in this type of meaningful education: and

WHEREAS, secondary schools in all 67 school districts, all 28 Florida Colleges and 44 technical centers offer career and technical education courses: and

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 secondary Career and Technical Education students are enrolled in one of the nearly 900 registered Career and Professional Education Academies and have earned more than 3,500 industry certifications: and

WHEREAS, nearly 8,500 secondary career and education teachers are inspiring students to succeed in college and careers: and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2010, 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 Capitol, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February in the year two thousand ten.

  
Governor