



## **State Board of Education Resolution: Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Month**

WHEREAS, Georgia has a successful and nationally acclaimed Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) program offering 456 industry-certified programs across 17 Career Pathway clusters; and

WHEREAS, more than 660,000 Georgia students participate in CTAE courses each year, with more than 50,000 seniors completing a Career Pathway in a specific industry or job area during the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's CTAE Pathway completers also graduated at a rate of 97% for the 2020-2021 school year, nearly 14 points higher than the state graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, more than 180,000 Georgia students participate in Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) to hone the technical skills learned in the classroom and develop leadership and soft skills that are vital to every workplace; and

WHEREAS, more than 600 students who participated in CTSOs during the 2020-2021 school year earned national recognition in skills-based competitions, and two of those students served as national officers in their respective CTSOs; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's CTAE programs are also engaged with their local communities and are working to meet local workforce needs, placing nearly 27,000 students in Work-Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship placements with 9,000 employers; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's professional school counselors are an integral component of the Georgia's CTAE program and are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development;

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is committed to collaborating with local business and industry, trade associations, post-secondary, and career, technical, & agricultural educators to continually develop new pathways and courses to expand opportunities to Georgia students;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the State Board of Education recognizes and celebrates Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Month in February 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the Georgia State Board of Education Seal to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.