

# Career and Technical Education Month Proclamation

## February 2018

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**WHEREAS**, February 1-28, 2018, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Career and Technical Education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness

**WHEREAS**, students in Career and Technical Education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase student engagement and achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, Career and Technical Education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework as well as pursuit of established programs of study and career pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing and information technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Career and Technical Education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness;

**THEREFORE**, the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District does hereby proclaim February 2018 as Career and Technical Education Month.

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Dr. Mark Stegeman, President

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