

# Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month Resolution

WHEREAS, the month of February has been designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month by the Association for CTE to honor student programs that ensure employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce and keep the American economy strong and competitive; and

WHEREAS, CTE offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

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

WHEREAS, students in CTE programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement by providing career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, CTE 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lamar CISD Board of Trustees recognize February 2025, as **Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month**, and encourage all staff, parents, and community to acknowledge this event.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2025.

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Zach Lambert, President

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Jon Welch, Secretary