

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS: February 1 - 28, 2007 has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE); and

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: Career and Technical Education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well educated work force, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Career and Technical Education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful application of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Career and Technical Education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS: The ever-increasing cooperative 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 career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and School Board of Palm Beach County proclaims February 1 - 28, 2007, as **Career and Technical Education Month** in Palm Beach County and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the Career and Technical Education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

Done this 21st day of February, two thousand seven, in West Palm Beach, Florida

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