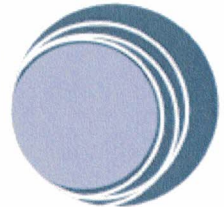


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CTE Month Resolution

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Resolution

WHEREAS: February 1-28, 2021, 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; and

WHEREAS: students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education at community colleges will prepare Oregonians to return to work as Oregon's economy recovers from COVID-19 and wildfire devastation, particularly those systemically marginalized Oregonians who have been the most adversely impacted by these challenges; 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:** career and technical education programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, ensuring Oregon has a strong and competitive economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2021, as **Career and Technical Education Month**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors encourages all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs at Central Oregon Community College, and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity, and to help Oregon's economy thrive again.

Passed and Approved: *Feb 10th*, 2021

Alan Unger
Alan Unger, Acting Chair

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