Board of County Commissioners PROCLAMATION



- **Whereas,** career and technical education offers learners the opportunity to gain academic, technical, and professional skills for real career readiness; and
- Whereas, students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic and impactful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and
- Whereas, career and technical education provides learners with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, thereby enabling them to make informed decisions about their academic coursework and pursue programs of student and career pathways; and
- Whereas, leaders from nationwide businesses and industries report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professional with available careers in critical CTE-related fields, including aerospace, agriculture, construction, education, healthcare, information technology, logistics, manufacturing, mining, and natural resources; and
- Whereas, career and technical education prepares students for fulfilling careers by offering integrated study programs that link secondary and postsecondary education, leading to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and
- Whereas, youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as

Career and Technical Education Month

Dated this 21st day of February, 2023.

Vaughn Hartung, Chair Washoe County Commission