

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with the opportunity to see how classroom instruction connects to the world of work and future career opportunities and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, fostering productivity in business and industry and contributing to South Carolina's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of academic subjects and technology through competency-based instruction, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts, and giving all students leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills that provide them with career choices, expanded earning potential and job satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical education and business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of South Carolina's economy, and that of the entire nation, by preparing high school graduates for postsecondary education and careers culminating in essential life skills, certified occupational skills, and meaningful employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2012 as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this state that enhance the work skills and productivity of our citizens.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA