

Proclamation

WHEREAS: February 1-28, 2025, has been designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month® by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

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

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

WHEREAS: CTE provides students with career exploration opportunities early 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: leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, such as advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, energy, health care, information technology, and transportation; 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; and

WHEREAS: CTE programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, ensuring our nation is a strong and competitive economy;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Weldon P Cude, Atascosa County Judge

do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2025, as

CTE Month

In Atascosa County, all citizens become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the CTE programs in this community and support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Atascosa County of Texas to be affixed on this 10th day of February 2025.