OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION 2021-02-01 CTE MONTH RESOLUTION

DULY PASSED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2021

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

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; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's community colleges will serve critical roles in the state's economic recovery from COVID-19 and wildfires, particularly in assisting 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, cyber-security 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 Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2021, as **Career and Technical Education Month**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education encourages all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs at Oregon Coast 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Chandler, Chris				
Emery, Rich				
Kilduff, Debbie				
Nelson-Robertson, Alison				
Osterlund, Nancy				
Ouderkirk, Jeff				
Ryer, Cliff				

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