RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes require workers who are trained in skilled professions; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education ensures that competitive and skilled workers are ready, willing, and capable of performing in high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand career fields; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of career and technical educators, businesses, and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local, state, and national economies by preparing graduates for careers that are forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with a school-to-career connection, helping students experience practical and meaningful applications of a variety of skills; and

WHEREAS, sixty-three percent of Escambia County School District middle school students and sixty-eight percent of high school students are enrolled in a career academy, and

WHEREAS, six-hundred students are enrolled in George Stone Technical College for adult education and career certificate programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Escambia County, Florida does hereby observe the month of February, 2020 as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the regular meeting of said Board and that a copy be tendered to Dr. Michelle Taylor, Director, Workforce Education.

Adopted this 21st day of January, 2020

	Patricia Hightower, Board Chair
	School Board of Escambia County
ATTEST:	
Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent	
School District of Escambia County	