



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Proclaiming February 2024 As Career Technical Education Month**

**Whereas,** students who engage in career-connected learning experience higher levels of academic success, including increased engagement, academic challenge, and enhanced mental and emotional well-being while empowering learners to make informed decisions about academic and career goals amid increased uncertainty about their future; and

**Whereas,** the CTE Foundation, instrumental in expanding community-industry-education partnerships, connects students with employers, supports the alignment of education with workforce needs, and provides clear pathways to local employment and careers, as outlined in the Economic Development Board 3.0 Action Plan; and

**Whereas,** career and technical education (CTE) programs develop skills aligned with in-demand jobs in manufacturing, the green economy, information technology, healthcare, and other critical sectors, improving outcomes for communities facing structural barriers to equal opportunity; and

**Whereas,** recognizing the proven effectiveness of integrated 'pathway' models in preparing students for success in college, career, and life, while celebrating the transformative efforts underway in local districts, including Santa Rosa City Schools, West Sonoma County Union High School, and Petaluma City Schools, supported by the 'New School Model' project led by the Career Technical Education Foundation; and

**Whereas**, the success of CTE programs relies on collaboration between educational institutions, industry leaders, community organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders, forming a network that supports the holistic development of students; and

**Whereas**, education models providing connections with local employers and early access to college credits are among the most powerful tools for equity being implemented by school districts statewide; and

**Whereas**, embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion in CTE aligns with collective goals of breaking down systemic barriers to education and employment, ensuring equitable access to the benefits of career-connected learning regardless of background; and

**Whereas**, implementing and strengthening programs for career-connected learning is a necessity to close the education and skills gap, establishing cradle-to-career pipelines for all students to earn a living wage or above, and meeting local workforce needs.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors supports and proclaims February 2024 as Career Technical Education Month, recognizing the need for an inclusive, integrated, and transformative approach to education and career pathways essential for the success and well-being of young people in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**