

## County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: February 4, 2020

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## Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,

## Proclaiming February 2020 As Career Technical Education Month

**Whereas,** A well-prepared and skilled workforce is paramount to ensure the recovery and resiliency of our community and economy after the 2017 and 2019 wildfires and during a critical housing shortage; and

Whereas, Career and technical education is a proven solution to ensure that competitive skilled workers are ready, willing, and capable of holding jobs in high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand career fields that are vital to a strong and resilient local economy. 132 new or enhanced programs have been implemented since 2013; and

Whereas, Career technical education affords students the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills, and credentials needed to secure degrees, certifications or careers in Sonoma County's growing, high-demand fields. 9,124 Students have engaged in CTE programs; and

**Whereas,** Students with access to integrated academic and career technical education programs have significantly higher achievement in reading, mathematics, and science than students at schools with less integrated programs. \$2.78 million in grants to schools, with 78% of CTE sections launched by CTEF funding have been sustained by their districts: and

**Whereas,** Alignment of industry and education priorities through CTE in initiatives strengthens student achievement and economic development county-wide while building a workforce pipeline to meet the needs of local employers; and

**Whereas,** 4,384 students have completed financial literacy programs through CTE Foundation-funded courses.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims February 2020 as Career Technical Education Foundation Month which will contribute to the success of young people in Sonoma County. Resolution #20-Date: Page 2

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:Zane:Gore:Hopkins:Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.