

PROCLAMATION

Career and Technical Education Month

February 2023

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month is taking place during the month of February to honor students who have chosen to pursue career and technical education as a means of acquiring real-world skills to compete in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Around 1,347,275 secondary students in Washington state are enrolled in one or more Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in 295 school districts and 6 state-tribal education compact schools throughout the state, and over 1300 Washougal School District students are enrolled in one or more CTE courses, which encompass a variety of occupational fields, including construction trades, education and training, computer science, and health care; and

WHEREAS, In addition to gaining specific career-related knowledge, participants in CTE programs learn such essential skills as time management, problem solving, and critical thinking, which better prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of the workplace; these programs motivate and engage students by providing hands-on activities in which they can further their expertise and interact with community members, potential employers, and students and teachers who share their vocational interests; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education is offering a path to success in the 21st century economy while helping to address the urgent need for skilled labor in high-demand industries, and it is enabling numerous Washougal students to secure gainful employment and lead productive, fulfilling lives;

Now, therefore, be it PROCLAIMED, That the City of Washougal hereby recognize February as

“CTE Month”

and extend sincere best wishes to all the talented young students who have chosen Career and Technical Education as a way to achieve their long-term professional goals.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of Washougal, Washington, this 23rd day of January 2023

David Stuebe, Mayor