

## Senate Resolution 2 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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1 A Resolution designating February 2025 as Career and  
2 Technical Education Month.

3 WHEREAS, February 2025 has been designated Career  
4 and Technical Education Month by the Association for  
5 Career and Technical Education; and

6 WHEREAS, career and technical education offers  
7 students the opportunity to gain the academic,  
8 technical, and employability skills necessary for true  
9 career readiness; and

10 WHEREAS, students in career and technical  
11 education programs participate in authentic, meaningful  
12 experiences that improve the quality of their education  
13 and increase their engagement and achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, career and technical education provides  
15 students with career exploration opportunities early  
16 in their educational experience, which enables students  
17 to make informed and beneficial decisions about their  
18 academic coursework and pursue established programs of  
19 study and career pathways; and

20 WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry  
21 nationwide report increasing challenges related to  
22 addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified  
23 professionals with careers in critical and growing  
24 career-and-technical-education-related fields, such as  
25 agriculture, food, and natural resources; applied  
26 sciences, technology, engineering, and manufacturing;  
27 business, finance, marketing, and management;  
28 health sciences; human services; and information

1 solutions; and

2 WHEREAS, career and technical education prepares  
3 students for these and other fulfilling careers  
4 by offering integrated programs of study that link  
5 secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the  
6 attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

7 WHEREAS, career and technical education programs  
8 ensure that employers have access to a qualified and  
9 thriving workforce, ensuring our nation is a strong and  
10 competitive economy; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
12 designates February 2025 as Career and Technical  
13 Education Month and urges all citizens to become  
14 familiar with the services and benefits offered by  
15 the career and technical education programs in Iowa  
16 communities and to support and participate in these  
17 programs to enhance their individual skills and  
18 productivity.