

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological advances necessitate a capable, educated workforce with career-ready skills, thereby placing new and additional demands on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education connects individuals with potential careers and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry, contributes to greater leadership in the international marketplace, and fills the growing skills gap; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of academic, employability, and technical skills, thus improving the quality of education and increasing student engagement; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with more career choices; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing collaborative efforts of career and technical educators, business, and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest demand in the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as

Career and Technical Education Month

in Appleton and urge all residents to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in our community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance individual work skills and productivity.



Signed and sealed this 7th day of February 2024.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON