



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, February 1-28, 2021 has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

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

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

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework as well as pursuit of established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing and information technology; and

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

WHEREAS, ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor of Bonney Lake do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

Career and Technical Education Month

in Bonney Lake and invite all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bonney Lake to be affixed this 26th day of January, 2021.

Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

