

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 112

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates February in each year as “Career and Technical Education Month” in New Jersey.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the month of February each year  
2       as “Career and Technical Education Month” in New Jersey.

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4   **WHEREAS**, The month of February 2018 was celebrated nationally as  
5       Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month; and

6   **WHEREAS**, Career and technical education programs in the 21st  
7       century link rigorous academics, technical knowledge, real-world  
8       experiences, and college-level learning to help students develop  
9       career-ready skills and prepare them for post-secondary education  
10      with a clear career focus; and

11   **WHEREAS**, New Jersey employers recognize that career and technical  
12      education programs provide clear career pathways for students,  
13      develop a strong pipeline of well-prepared future employees, and  
14      ultimately strengthen the Garden State’s economy; and

15   **WHEREAS**, More than 32,500 high school students and over 5,000  
16      adults are enrolled in New Jersey’s 21 county vocational-technical  
17      school districts. These students benefit from a wide array of career  
18      and technical education programs through which they gain valuable  
19      preparation for college and the workforce, including industry-  
20      recognized credentials, hands-on experience, and college credits;  
21      and

22   **WHEREAS**, The Legislature has demonstrated strong support for career  
23      and technical education by approving a package of legislation to  
24      increase the focus on career readiness, expand technical education  
25      opportunities, approve new funding for innovative high school CTE  
26      programs, and restore adult programs; and

27   **WHEREAS**, The State’s business community has demonstrated its  
28      support through the New Jersey Employer Coalition for Technical  
29      Education, which seeks to promote CTE, encourage employer  
30      involvement with technical schools, shrink the skills gap, and  
31      ensure the State’s continued economic prosperity; and

32   **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper that the Legislature and the people  
33      of New Jersey celebrate the month of February each year as “Career  
34      and Technical Education Month” to recognize and promote the  
35      many benefits of CTE in this State; now, therefore,

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37       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
38       *State of New Jersey:*

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40       1. The month of February in each year is designated as “Career  
41      and Technical Education Month” in New Jersey in order to  
42      recognize and promote the many benefits of career and technical  
43      education in this State.

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45       2. The Governor is requested to annually issue a proclamation  
46      calling upon students, parents, and other citizens of the State to  
47      learn more about career and technical education, county vocational-  
48      technical school programs, and well-paying career pathways that

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1 can be launched with an industry credential or a technical degree.  
2 The proclamation shall also call upon New Jersey employers to  
3 become active partners with county vocational-technical schools to  
4 align curriculum with their workforce needs and provide  
5 meaningful work-based learning opportunities to students.

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7 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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10 **STATEMENT**

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12 This joint resolution designates the month of February each year  
13 as “Career and Technical Education Month” in New Jersey in order  
14 to recognize and promote the many benefits of career and technical  
15 education in this State. The joint resolution requests the Governor  
16 to annually issue a proclamation calling upon students, parents, and  
17 other citizens of the State to learn more about career and technical  
18 education, county vocational-technical school programs, and well-  
19 paying career pathways that can be launched with an industry  
20 credential or a technical degree. The proclamation will also call  
21 upon New Jersey employers to become active partners with county  
22 vocational-technical schools to align curriculum with their  
23 workforce needs and provide meaningful work-based learning  
24 opportunities to students.