

## **Proclamation**

*WHEREAS*, February 1-28, 2022, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month<sup>®</sup> 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 their 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 and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

*WHEREAS*, leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity 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*, career and technical education programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, ensuring America is a strong and competitive economy.

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor of the City of Manor, Texas, and on behalf of the Manor City Council do hereby proclaim the month of February 2022, as

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in the City of Manor and urge 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 WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Manor to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2022.

Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor City of Manor