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# **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEMO NO. 176-21**

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**TO:** CTE Administrators

**FROM:** George R. Willcox, Director, Operations and Accountability

 Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

## SUBJECT: National Celebration of Career and Technical Education in February

Governor Ralph S. Northam has designated February 2021 as Career and Technical Education Month ® in the Commonwealth. Across the nation, Career and Technical Education (CTE) is celebrated in February to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs. Its theme for 2021, *“*Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!*,”* provides Virginia schools an opportunity to showcase success stories of excellence and communicate the crucial role that CTE plays in preparing a highly skilled workforce for Virginia’s economy. Attached is a copy of the Career and Technical Education Month Proclamation.

For more information on CTE Month, visit the [Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)](https://www.acteonline.org/why-cte/cte-awareness/cte-month/) website.

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