

## Proclamation In Recognition of

## National Career and Technical Education (CTE)

**WHEREAS,** Career and Technical Education at Leeward Community College offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education students 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, enabling them to make informed decisions on their academic coursework and their pursuit of established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education helps students meet the increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, such as health technology, 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 leading to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

**WHEREAS,** Career and Technical Education ensures employers have access to a qualified workforce ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February, 2015 as

## "Career and Technical Education Month"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the Association for Career and Technical Education at Leeward Community College for their outstanding contributions to our state.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-ninth day of January 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i