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Proclamation declaring February 1-28, 2020 as ***Career and Technical Education Month*** in Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, February 1-28, 2020, has been designated ***Career and Technical Education Month*** by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education programs help students to prepare for high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers in STEM fields, industry apprenticeships, and for two or four-year degree programs at Pennsylvania state-funded schools, community colleges, private schools and trade schools; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Council Member DeWitt Walton, do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2020 as ***Career and Technical Education Month*** in Allegheny County and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits town/county offered by the career

and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 25th day of February 2020.