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HAGÄTÑA GUAM
PROCLAMATION 2023-12

A Proclamation of the Governor

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023 IN RECOGNITION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the nation's largest non-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for a successful career; and

WHEREAS, ACTE represents the community of Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals, including educators, administrators, researchers, school counselors, guidance and career development professionals, and others at all levels of education; and

WHEREAS, a group of local, dedicated CTE professionals helped form the local chapter, Guam ACTE, in 2015 as an associate member of the national ACTE; and

WHEREAS, the ACTE Guam chapter focuses on efforts to raise awareness, promote advocacy, foster local research, provide technical assistance, engage in networking activities, assist in policy development, and serve as a resource clearinghouse; and

WHEREAS, the Guam ACTE membership has grown beyond Guam and covers the West Pacific, including the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territory of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, regional members consist of educators, counselors, and training and business organizations passionate about preparing our students to enter the workforce, including the GCA Trades Academy, the Guam Department of Education, the New Horizons Computer Guam, the Guam Marianas Training Center, Guam Community College, the Palau Community College, the College of the Marshall Islands, the CNMI Public Schools, Northern Marianas College, and others; and

WHEREAS, CTE increases graduation rates and improves academic performance by providing meaningful experiences, enhancing the quality of education, engaging students and preparing them for careers and post-secondary education, and giving students leadership opportunities in their fields and communities; and

WHEREAS, CTE programs empower students with school-to-career connections, which serve as the backbone of a strong, educated workforce that fosters productivity, innovation, and entrepreneurship in business and industry, and further contributes to Guam's position in the global marketplace; and

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

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of Career and Technical Educators in business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local and national economies by preparing graduates for career fields forecasted to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic elevated the relevance and importance of the ACTE's efforts to support educators, administrators, and students through effective resources and best practices to help continue the education and training of all students for college and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, the Guam ACTE is commended for their commitment to enhancing the public awareness of CTE resources and professional development opportunities in support of the people of Guam and the West Pacific, and in the pursuit of a better quality of life for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *Maga'hagan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 in recognition of Career and Technical Education Month. In doing so, I call upon the people of Guam to join in celebrating the ACTE Guam chapter and their dedication to the advancement of career and technical education, and the next generation of CTE leaders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JOSHUA F. TENORIO, *Segundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lieutenant Governor of Guam, hereby, together with the *Maga'haga*, cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-first day of February** in the Year of our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand and Twenty-Three**.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hagan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Segundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam