

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Sarah Palin, Governor*

February 2007 has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education.

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.

Career and technical education provides Alaskans with a school-to-career connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to Alaska's leadership in the national and international marketplace.

Career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic 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.

Career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction.

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.

One of our state's highest priorities is making sure we train Alaska's youth for Alaska's jobs.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim February 2007 as:

Career and Technical Education Month

in Alaska, and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in their schools and to support these programs to enhance Alaska students' work skills and productivity.

Dated: December 19, 2006



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Palin".

Sarah Palin, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.