

PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-06

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2021 IN RECOGNITION OF
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Association for Career and Technical Education (“ACTE”) is the nation’s largest not-for-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers; 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 new GUAM ACTE in 2015, an associate member of the National ACTE; and

WHEREAS, this incorporated organization focuses on CTE, aiming to raise awareness, promote advocacy, foster local research agenda, provide technical assistance, engage in networking activities and assist in policy development, and be a resource clearinghouse; and

WHEREAS, GUAM ACTE’s membership has grown covering Guam and the Western Pacific, consisting of educators, counselors, training and business organizations passionate about preparing our students for the world of work, including the Guam Trades Academy, Guam Department of Education, New Horizons Computer Guam, Guam Marianas Training Center, Guam Community College, and others; and

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

WHEREAS, CTE programs provide students with a school-to-careers connection and are the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity, innovation, and entrepreneurship, in business and industry and contributes to America’s leadership 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 and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of Career and Technical Educators with 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; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has elevated the relevance, importance, and efforts of the National and Guam ACTE 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim February 2021, in recognition of **Career and Technical Education Month**.

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