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WHEREAS, February 1-29, 2024, has been designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) 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, Pittsburgh Public Schools Career and Technical Education programs help students to prepare for high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers in STEM fields, industry apprenticeships, as well as for two or four-year degree programs at Pennsylvania state-funded schools, community colleges, private schools and trade schools; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Public Schools and the City of Pittsburgh are partners in providing career exposure initiatives as well as paid co-operative education opportunities for CTE students; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Public Schools Career and Technical Education programs are an integral part of the District's objective to ensure that all students are equipped with skills to succeed in college, career and life; and,

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts between CTE educators, business and industry leaders, and post-secondary education institutions 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 the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February to be "*Career and Technical Education Month*" in the City of Pittsburgh.