ORDER: APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY CAREER AND <u>TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH</u>

Motion was made by Greg Bynum, duly seconded by John Morgan, to approve proclamation declaring February Career and Technical Education Month.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes Supervisor John Morgan, voted yes Supervisor Tim Gordon, voted yes Supervisor Scott Allen, voted yes Supervisor Greg Bynum, voted yes

After the vote, President Larson, declared the motion carried, this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

Brent Larson, President Board of Supervisors Mike Roberts, Chancery Clerk

Lafayette County Proclamation

WHEREAS, February has been designated as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month to celebrate and recognize the value and achievements of CTE programs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette County School District and Oxford School District have demonstrated exceptional dedication to providing high-quality CTE programs that prepare students for successful futures by equipping them with the technical, academic, and employability skills necessary for college, career, and life; and

WHEREAS, CTE programs in our community empower students to explore and discover career paths in a wide range of fields, fostering innovation, creativity, and a strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, these programs serve as vital connections between secondary and postsecondary education, bridging the gap to ensure seamless transitions for students to higher education, apprenticeships, and other advanced career training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, CTE has proven to enhance student engagement, reduce dropout rates, and contribute to workforce readiness, thereby strengthening the economic vitality of Oxford and Lafayette County; and

WHEREAS, strong CTE programs work in conjunction with local economic development efforts by aligning educational opportunities with the workforce needs of businesses and industries, ensuring a pipeline of skilled workers that supports regional growth and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the success of CTE programs in Oxford and Lafayette County is made possible by the collaboration of educators, administrators, local businesses, and industry leaders who invest their time and resources to support student development; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette County recognizes the importance of CTE in developing a skilled workforce and preparing students to become contributing members of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, [Name], Board of Supervisors, District [#], do hereby proclaim February as

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in the Lafayette County and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the outstanding contributions of the Lafayette County School District and Oxford School District CTE programs. Let us celebrate the achievements of CTE students and educators, and continue to support efforts that inspire and prepare the future workforce of our community.