WHEREAS: February 2017, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; 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: 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;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ron Jensen, Mayor of Grand Prairie do hereby proclaim February 2017, as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

in Grand Prairie, Texas and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, THIS THE 7 th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Ron Jessen Mayor