



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, more than 51.4 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level, while 75 million lack basic math skills and the credentials necessary to succeed in post-secondary education. Currently, there are 379,000 Alabamians over the age of 18 without a high school credential; and

WHEREAS, adults without adult education are more likely to be unemployed, in poverty, in poor health or incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Alabamians move along the pathway continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic education, proficiency in the English language and skills training for life preparedness; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs are a key aspect of reaching our attainment goal of adding 500,000 credentialed, high-skilled employees to Alabama's workforce by 2025; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs are cost-effective, smart investments that upgrade the skill-sets of our citizens. I have dubbed this as our Success Plus Plan; and

WHEREAS, these programs also help parents become the best teachers for their children so that all Alabama's children attain grade-level reading proficiency before the end of the third grade;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 18 through September 24, 2022, as

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 7th day of September 2022.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor