H O N O R A R Y P R O C L A M A T I O N

**Adult Education and Literacy**

WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level, and 62.7 million lack basic math skills and the credentials necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, one in three young adults in the United States does not complete high school; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage of skilled workers across the private sector, with an estimated 7.5 million positions unfilled; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs play a transformative role in helping Americans achieve basic skills, gain credentials, and prepare for career and college opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs—offered through high schools, adult schools, community colleges, and community centers—provide accessible, high-value instruction that equips citizens with the skills needed to thrive personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, our [city/county/region/state] values and supports lifelong learning as a cornerstone of individual opportunity, economic growth, and community strength.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [official’s name], [official’s title], do hereby proclaim [insert date] as

**ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY DAY**

in the [area – city, county, region, state], recognizing the enduring importance of adult education in transforming lives and empowering our citizens to achieve their full potential.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the [area], this \_\_\_\_\_day of [month], [year]

[official’s name]

[official’s title]