Proclamation  
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, more than 36 million American adults cannot read or write at the most basic level; and

WHEREAS, more than 60 million American adults lack the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and

WHEREAS, by 2025, Alabama’s workers must earn an additional 500,000 postsecondary credentials, degrees and certificates to meet workforce demands; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs contribute to solving the aforementioned challenges by helping Americans attain basic skills and to prepare for career and college; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs help parents become the best first teachers for their children so that all of Alabama’s children attain grade-level reading proficiency before the end of the third grade; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign, which helps Alabamians learn about all of their adult education options to attain their professional and personal goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 23rd through September 29th, 2018, as

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 17th day of September 2018.

Kay Ivey
Governor