



# *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*

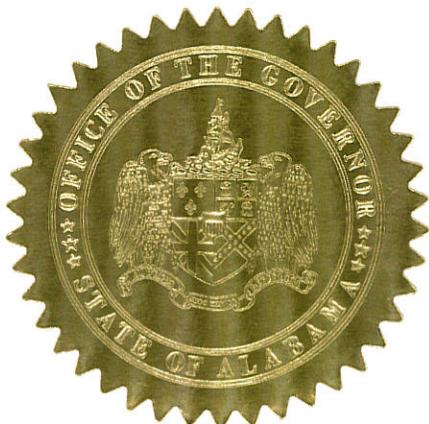
*WHEREAS, adult education programs help parents become the best first teachers for their children so that all of Alabama's children attain grade-level reading proficiency before the end of the third grade; and*

*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 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*