



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, more than 36 million Americans are unable to read or write at the most basic level while 60 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; 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 adult drops out of high school; and

WHEREAS, by 2025, Alabama's workers must earn an additional 500,000 post-secondary credentials, degrees and certificates to meet workforce demand; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs contribute to solving the aforementioned challenges by helping Americans attain basic skills and 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 26th, 2020,
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 31st day of August 2020.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor