



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans lack basic reading and writing skills; and*

*WHEREAS, an additional 62.7 million Americans lack the skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and*

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

*WHEREAS, America is short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's Adult Education programs are committed to alleviating these challenges by providing free basic skills education for our citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, Adult Education programs seek to mitigate barriers to education such as transportation and childcare through partnership with the Paths for Success Foundation; and*

*WHEREAS, Adult Education programs prepare Alabamians for in-demand careers through contextualized programs such as Integrated Education and Training (IET), Alabama Career Essentials (ACE), and Mobilizing Alabama's Pathways (MAPs); and*

*WHEREAS, Adult Education programs offer free education and in-demand credentials sought by Alabama employers; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama proudly celebrates the achievements of Adult Education faculty and staff in helping students achieve education, credentials, diplomas, degrees and employment;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 17 through September 23, 2023, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor