



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans lack basic reading and writing skills, and an additional 62.7 million Americans lack the skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and*

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

*WHEREAS, the state of Alabama's Adult Education programs remain dedicated to mitigating these societal and economic challenges by furnishing tuition-free foundational instruction, facilitating the attainment of high school equivalency credentials and advancing opportunities afforded through the recently enacted REACH Act; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's Adult Education programs seek to mitigate barriers to education such as transportation and childcare through partnerships with the Paths for Success Foundation and other local nonprofit organizations; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's 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 Pathways (MAPs); and*

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

*WHEREAS, the state of 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 15 through September 21, 2025, as*

# *National Adult Education & 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor