



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

*WHEREAS, Alabama's Adult Education programs play a pivotal role in addressing these challenges by facilitating Alabamians' educational journey, equipping them with essential language proficiency and providing life skills training, thereby preparing them for a successful future; 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 represent a cost-effective and intelligent investment that enhance the skill sets of our citizens, contributing to their personal growth and the overall prosperity of our state; and*

*WHEREAS, these programs also empower parents to become effective teachers for their children, ensuring that Alabama's young learners have the support and tools at home to succeed in their secondary and postsecondary education pursuits; and*

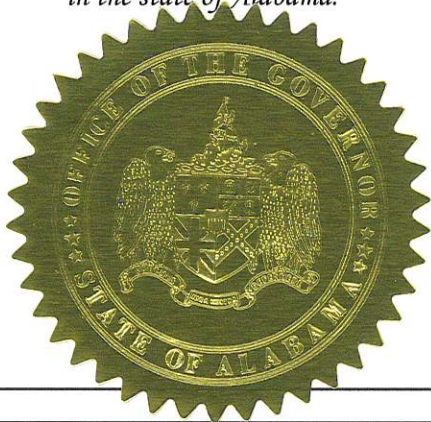
*WHEREAS, the state recognizes the significance of Adult Education and its potential to transform Alabama families; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's Adult Education system, through the Alabama Community College System, strives to "Make Life Better" for all Alabamians;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 15 through September 21, 2024, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor