

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, access to quality adult education and family literacy programs is key to empowering people to enhance their skills, pursue career pathways, and actively participate in civic life; and

WHEREAS, a literate and educated workforce contributes significantly to the economic growth and prosperity of our Commonwealth, ensuring innovation, productivity, and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, more than 22 percent of Pennsylvania's adults experience literacy issues that impact their lives and families, their work, and their full participation as residents of our state, and adults deserve access to adult education resources that provide the scaffolding necessary to secure and maintain good jobs; and

WHEREAS, many Pennsylvanians without a high school diploma need support to complete their education, transition to postsecondary education or occupational training, or become employed, and new Pennsylvanians with skills and a strong desire to work may need English instruction to find fulfilling jobs; and

WHEREAS, adult education and family literacy programs provide tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians with the language and numerical skills required to access jobs with family-sustaining wages, including Registered Apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS, the National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week highlights the need for Pennsylvania to support efforts to ensure everyone has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at home, at work, and in society; and

WHEREAS, my Administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Education support the educators and students in adult education and family literacy programs throughout the Commonwealth and believe there can be no wrong door for Pennsylvanians to access opportunity.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 14-20, 2025, to be

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

I urge Pennsylvanians to learn more about the importance of adult literacy, the impact of low literacy and to participate in activities that support and strengthen Pennsylvania's literacy achievements.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twelfth day of September two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro