Across the United States, millions of Americans struggle to read, write, and comprehend basic mathematics. Adult education programs are trying to lower this statistic and raise national literacy rates by encouraging older students to continue learning and complete high school. In Phoenix, community colleges, non-profits, and state programs offer low cost, high-value literacy courses that encourage reading, writing, and comprehension skills.

Investing in family literacy is an investment in the future. When more Phoenix residents are literate, more people will have access to higher paying jobs, and financial stability – important steps toward breaking the cycles of intergenerational poverty.

The City of Phoenix celebrates Adult Education and Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign. This campaign helps members of our community learn about their educational options and helps them achieve their personal and professional goals. Education is a crucial part of our lives, and of our community’s future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE GALLEGRO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona in accordance with the law do hereby proclaim September 19-25, 2021, as

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

in the City of Phoenix and urge all Phoenicians to join me in recognizing this important week.

Mayor Kate Gallego
City of Phoenix