WHEREAS, more than 51.4 million Americans can’t read or write at the most basic level while 75.1 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

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

WHEREAS, American Action Forum estimates that by 2020, America will be short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for career and college; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs in community colleges and community centers offer low cost, high value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, The City of Tucson celebrates Adult Education and Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tucson on behalf of the Tucson City Council and all residents hereof, I do hereby proclaim September 19-25, 2021 as

Adult Education and Literacy Week

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson, Arizona to be affixed on this 19th day of September, 2021

Regina Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk