

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, approximately 9 percent of the population ages 25 and over lack a high school diploma or the equivalent, experience literacy issues that impair their lives and families, their ability to work productively, and their full participation as citizens and residents; and **WHEREAS**, Adult education leads to higher earnings and self-sufficiency, and helps reduce the number of people living in poverty; and **WHEREAS**, Arizona adult education provides a bridge to successful postsecondary education and family sustaining careers for adult learners; and **WHEREAS**, Adult education provides opportunities for individuals to build basic skills, prepare to enter the workforce, and earn industry-recognized training and credentials; and **WHEREAS**, Arizona's adult education system plays a critical role in our workforce system and is contributing to Arizona's Achieve60AZ goal that 60% of adults ages 25 to 64 will hold a postsecondary credential or degree by 2030; and **WHEREAS**, Arizona's adult education providers supply over 800,000 hours of instruction annually to improve the literacy of Arizona's adults, including the digital literacy and employment skills needed to succeed in the workplace; and **WHEREAS**, Arizona Adult Literacy week will promote literacy and lifelong learning across our great State.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 12 - 18, 2023, as

## ARIZONA ADULT LITERACY WEEK




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE