



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, approximately 32 million adults in the United States are unable to read or write, 30 million of whom cannot read, write, or perform basic math skills above the 3rd grade; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 approximately 2 million 16-24 year-olds in the United States were not enrolled in school and had not earned a high school credential (either a diploma or an equivalency credential such as a GED certificate); and

WHEREAS, adult education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey by providing the opportunity to achieve basic skills and further prepare for a career path; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs in high schools and adult schools, community colleges and community centers offer low cost, high value programs that can improve the skill set of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate alongside the individuals and organizations who work to "Educate & Elevate" which improves the lives of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim September 18-22, 2023 as

Adult Literacy Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this ninth day of August 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State