

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS:** One out of every six adults in the United States lack basic reading skills – that means 36 million people cannot read a job application, understand basic written instructions, or read the internet;

**WHEREAS:** Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves;

**WHEREAS:** Adult education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and become prepared for career and college;

**WHEREAS:** Adult Education has served close to two million Arkansans since 1965;

**WHEREAS:** More than 457,718 individuals have passed the GED test and earned their Arkansas High School diploma since 1966;

**WHEREAS:** Adult Education programs in community colleges, 4-year colleges, and public schools offer low-cost, high-value education and training programs that can upgrade the skill set of our citizens, and increase participation in the programs that have had an impact on accelerating growth toward a healthier economy; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Arkansas celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week and is a proud participant in the Move Ahead with ADULTED Campaign, which helps our citizens learn about their Adult Education options to reach their professional and personal goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS,** Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 18-23, 2023, as

**“ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK IN ARKANSAS”**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2023.



*Sarah Huckabee Sanders*

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State