



Proclamation

National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

WHEREAS, *Twenty-three percent of the adult population cannot read above a third-grade level. In addition, more than 42 million Americans lack basic reading and writing skills; and,*

WHEREAS, *the United States Chamber of Commerce estimates that America currently has 9.8 million job openings. Connecticut, alone has 104,000 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and,*

WHEREAS, *Adult Education Programs are offered at affordable rates throughout the United States in various settings such as high schools, technical schools and community colleges; and,*

WHEREAS, *Adult Education Programs are important in the community as these programs present opportunities for our citizens to develop their skill level to prepare them for careers and continuing education; and,*

WHEREAS, *The Town of Cromwell celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the National Education & Elevate Campaign to increase awareness of Adult Education Programs and to encourage our citizens to explore options to assist in reaching their professional and personal goals.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Mayor Steve Fortenbach on behalf of the Town of Cromwell declare the week of September 18-24, 2023 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week,*

Signed for the Town of Cromwell this 15th Day of September 2023.



Steve Fortenbach

Steve Fortenbach, Mayor
Town of Cromwell