

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Literacy is the foundation for success in school, in work, and throughout life. 42% of Delaware children read below grade level, 20% of Delaware adults read below a 3rd grade reading level and another 35% of Delaware adults read below a 6th grade reading level; and

Whereas, the Delaware Literacy Alliance has been formed to unite the work of numerous organizations collaborating to achieve equity for all through literacy; and this Alliance is a product of the Delaware Community of Excellence Equity Through Literacy initiative which addresses the literacy gap for all Delawareans throughout their lifespan; and

Whereas, every Delawarean under age 5 is now eligible to register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library through Delaware Libraries as a foundation for literacy success; and

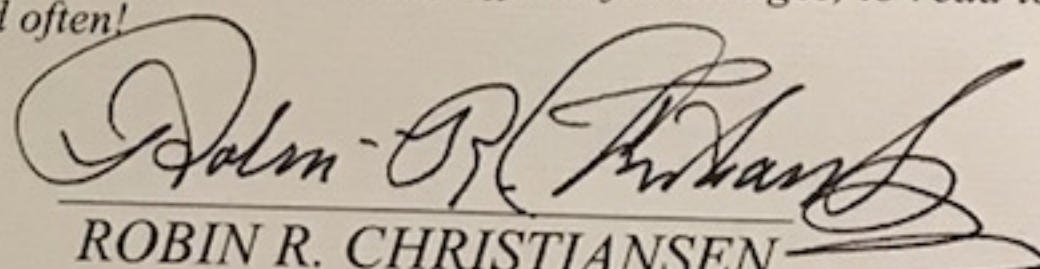
Whereas, Literacy Delaware provides literacy tutoring for adults as a foundation to achieve high school credentials, and access job training programs, college, and careers; and

Whereas, the extensive efforts of all the literacy partners empower Delawareans to build better lives and strengthen Delaware's workforce and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

LITERACY MONTH

and September 18 through 22 as ADULT EDUCATION and LITERACY WEEK in the City of Dover and urge all citizens to support the literacy efforts for all ages, to read to children, to get a library card, and to read often!


ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR