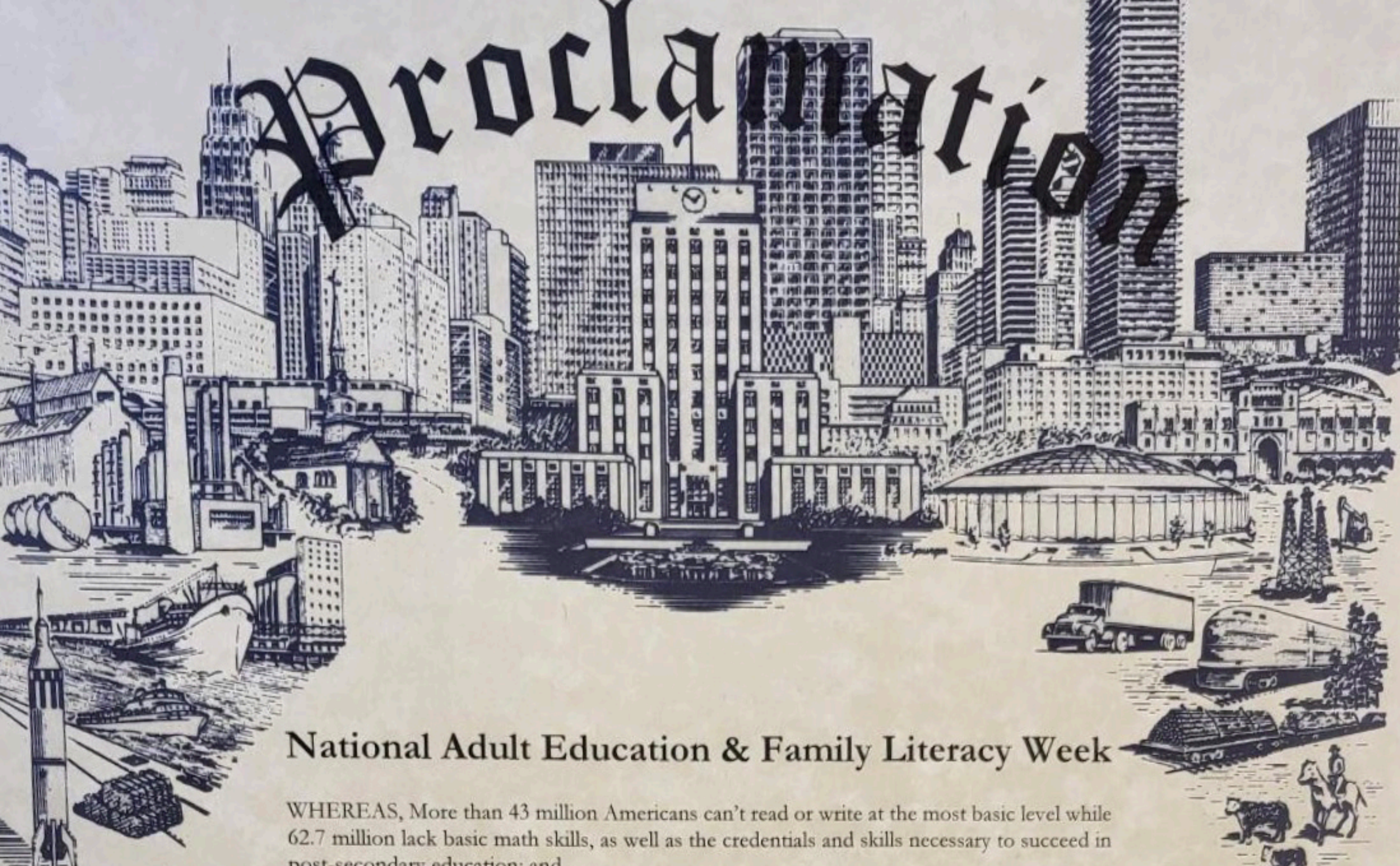


Proclamation



National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

WHEREAS, More than 43 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level while 62.7 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and,

WHEREAS, One in three residents of Harris County, Texas, perform at the lowest levels of functional literacy affecting our families, communities, and economic competitiveness; and,

WHEREAS, Every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and,

WHEREAS, It is estimated that moving all adults performing below literacy level 1 to level 2 would result in a \$13 billion improvement in our economy; and,

WHEREAS, Low functional literacy among adults and families is a matter of systemic inequities that need to be addressed in each of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, Adult Education and Family Literacy programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and provide college and career readiness; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office for Adult Literacy advocates for adult literacy services and raises awareness of the work adult literacy providers do in Houston; and,

WHEREAS, Houston celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud and active member of national efforts to address the silent crisis of low functional literacy among adults and their families.

THEREFORE, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim September 18-22, 2023, as

National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 6th day of September, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sylvester Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sylvester Turner
Mayor of the City of Houston