

PROCLAMATION

National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week September 18-24, 2023

- WHEREAS,** more than 51.4 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level while 75.1 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and
- WHEREAS,** every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and
- WHEREAS,** American Action Forum estimates that America is short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels; and
- WHEREAS,** Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for career and college; and
- WHEREAS,** Adult Education programs in high schools and adult schools, community colleges and community centers offer low cost, high value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Richmond Community College celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** James T. Willis, Mayor of the great City of Laurinburg, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18 - 24, 2023, as **Adult Education and Family Literacy Week** and encourage all people to work together to increase literacy among the residents of Laurinburg.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Laurinburg on this the 1st day of September, 2023.




James T. Willis, Mayor