

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, more than 51.4 million Americans cannot 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**, between 2015 and 2021, Adult Education programs in Mississippi have served more than 45,000 students; 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 increased participation in these programs also has an impact on accelerating growth toward a healthier economy; and

**WHEREAS**, AccelerateMS is committed to creating a world-class workforce by increasing the number of Mississippi adults with the skills and training necessary to participate in Mississippi's workforce in a meaningful way; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Governor Tate Reeves, proclaim September 18-22, 2023, as

### ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

in the State of Mississippi, and call upon all educators, volunteers, and citizens to encourage family members and friends to pursue educational resources that will assist them in attaining their professional and personal goals, to build and equip a stronger workforce in the State of Mississippi thereby creating a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all Mississippians.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 31<sup>ST</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tate Reeves".

TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR