



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, The United States of America has one of the highest rates of literacy in the world, which has helped make our country strong, productive, and a beacon to the democratic ideal; and

WHEREAS, literacy for our citizens in Missouri, is a source of pride and respect, there remains a great need for additional resources and collaboration of our citizens, seeing that 51.4 million adults in the United States lack basic literacy skills and 75.1 million Americans are low-skilled in numeracy; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs around the country, and here in Missouri, serve adult citizens by providing numeracy, literacy, English language skills, digital literacy, work readiness, occupational training, and high school equivalency programs at no cost to participants; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition for Adult Basic Education is dedicated to the Advocacy of Adult Literacy and is helping to connect citizens and communities across the nation to literacy services and resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 18-22, 2023, to be

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 1st day of August, 2023.




Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft
SECRETARY OF STATE