

NEW YORK STATE SENATE



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF CLINTON, ESSEX AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES UPON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK, SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2023

WHEREAS, More than forty-three million Americans cannot 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, 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; 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, The third annual Stop Reading Challenge will kick off on September 1, 2023, the beginning of International Reading Month, and run all month, with a special social media event on International Literacy Day, September 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the Stop Reading Challenge are to bring awareness to the issue of adult literacy, raise funding for adult literacy programs, and recruit volunteers to help adults improve their literacy skills, help families succeed, and build more inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, Literacy New York's Stop Reading Challenge created the Stop Reading Challenge PopUp; this vital organization, in partnership with local New York State literacy programs, will be traveling this engaging PopUp to several locations across the State, bringing the experience of what it is like to struggle to read to our communities; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the National Educate and Elevate Campaign, which helps citizens learn about all of their adult education options to attain their professional and personal goals; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator Daniel G. Stec, am proud to recognize Literacy Volunteers of Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties upon the occasion of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, and proclaim September 18-22, 2023 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in the 45th New York State Senate District; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to the Literacy Volunteers of Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties.

DATED:

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DGSTEC".

DANIEL G. STEC

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
45TH SENATE DISTRICT

