

City of San Antonio



Proclamation

WHEREAS, RESTORE EDUCATION WILL OBSERVE **NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK**, SEPTEMBER 18-23, 2023, TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE NEED FOR AND VALUE OF ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY; AND

WHEREAS, SAN ANTONIO IS THE 7TH LARGEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND 21% PERCENT OF RESIDENTS 18 YEARS AND OLDER ARE WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED, AND 62% OF ALL TEXAS JOBS REQUIRE SOME LEVEL OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR TRAINING; AND

WHEREAS, RESEARCH SHOWS THAT A MOTHER'S READING LEVEL IS THE GREATEST DETERMINANT OF A CHILD'S FUTURE ACADEMIC SUCCESS, OUTWEIGHING EVERY OTHER FACTOR, INCLUDING POVERTY; AND

WHEREAS, FOR EVERY 400,000 ADULTS WHO EARN THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, THE TAX BASE INCREASES BY \$2.5 BILLION, AND THE ECONOMY SAVES MORE THAN \$200 BILLION IN REDUCED COSTS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES THAT SUPPORT ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY LEVELS; AND

WHEREAS, RESTORE EDUCATION, WHO HAS SERVED MORE THAN 19,000 INDIVIDUALS SINCE 2008, SERVES AS THE LEAD PROVIDER FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION & LITERACY ALAMO CONSORTIUM THAT ALSO INCLUDES ALAMO COLLEGES, EACH ONE TEACH ONE, NORTH EAST ISD, NORTHSIDE ISD, SAN ANTONIO ISD, SOUTHWEST ISD, AND SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE; AND

WHEREAS, THE AEL ALAMO CONSORTIUM PROVIDES HIGH VALUE, LOW-COST ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES AND WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS THAT CREATE PATHWAYS FOR CITIZENS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY THROUGH LITERACY AND THUS ENHANCES THE LIVES OF THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

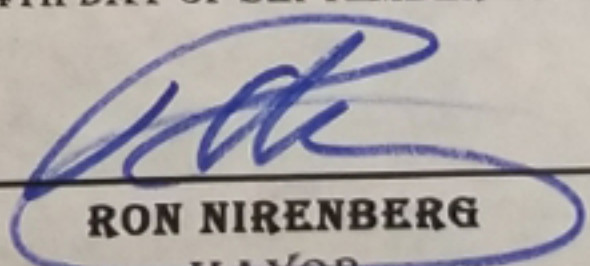
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON NIRENBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, IN RECOGNITION THEREOF, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 18-23, 2023, TO BE

"NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK"

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BE AFFIXED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.


RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR