

City of Sumter

South Carolina

Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF SUMTER)
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- WHEREAS,** Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFL)Week, recognized during the week of September 18-24, 2022, is a week to bring awareness to the importance of adult education to individuals, their children, community, and economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2022 theme for Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is: *CHANCES Powered by Adult Education and Family Literacy – E-Educate, Empower, Employ; and*
- WHEREAS,** National AEFL Week originated in 2009 when the National Coalition for Literacy (NLC) worked with several members of Congress to create a Congressionally-recognized designation that would draw attention to the great significance of adult education; and
- WHEREAS,** there are more than 40 million adults in America who cannot read or write at the most basic level and approximately 63 million who lack basic math skills; and
- WHEREAS,** an increase in adult education can have a tremendous impact on individuals by providing for greater self-efficacy, improved health outcomes, better employment, stronger financial literacy, and increased engagement in their children's education; and
- WHEREAS,** adult education benefits communities by providing higher employment rates, increased engagement in civic activities and decreased reliance on public assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** adult education benefits the economy by providing for increased tax revenues, greater business productivity, and higher consumer spending; and
- WHEREAS,** adult education transforms lives and is a vital contributor to the strength and resilience of a community, and therefore deserves utmost attention and support from communities and community leaders to advocate for its improvement.

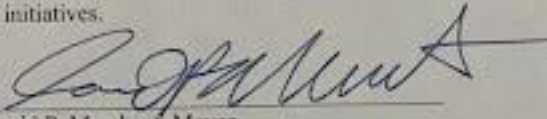
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, David P. Merchant, Mayor of the City of Sumter, do hereby proclaim the *Week of September 18-24, 2022*, as:

"ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK"

in the

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and call upon all our citizens, schools, libraries, businesses, and elected officials to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of adult education for the betterment of the entire community and to strongly support adult education initiatives.


David P. Merchant, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

