

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK
SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2024

- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland recognizes the invaluable role that education plays in the empowerment of individuals and the strengthening of communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Adult education and family literacy programs provide critical support to adult learners in achieving their educational, career, and personal goals, fostering a more knowledgeable, skilled, and prosperous population; and*
- WHEREAS,** *More than 36 million adults in the United States, including many in Maryland, lack basic literacy, numeracy, and digital skills necessary for personal and professional success; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Adult education programs in Maryland address the needs of adult learners, helping improve their literacy and numeracy skills, obtain high school equivalency diplomas, and transition to postsecondary education and employment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Family literacy programs offer parents and caregivers the opportunity to enhance their own educational skills while simultaneously supporting the educational development of their children, thereby breaking the intergenerational cycle of low literacy; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Coalition on Adult Basic Education and other dedicated organizations and educators work tirelessly to advocate for and deliver high-quality adult education and family literacy services.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2024 as ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK in Maryland and commend this observance to all citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 16th day of September
Two Thousand and twenty-four

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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State

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