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Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans can't 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; and

WHEREAS, 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 Ark-La-Tex celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain the professional and personal goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Arceneaux, **Mayor** of the City of Shreveport, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23-27, 2024, as

Adult Literacy Week

in the City of Shreveport and urge citizens to learn more about Adult Education options and the importance of literacy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed.




Tom Arceneaux
MAYOR