

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Toledo

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the City of Toledo, it is my privilege and responsibility to recognize causes and events that warrant our attention; and

WHEREAS, more than 43 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 drop 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 City of Toledo celebrates **Adult Education and Literacy Week** as a proud participant in the national Educate and Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Kapszukiewicz, Mayor of the City of Toledo, do hereby recognize and proclaim September 16th to September 20th, 2024, as

Adult Literacy Week

in the City of Toledo and I call upon our residents to recognize this commitment to furthering adult education.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed hereto this 4th day of September 2024.

Wade Kapszukiewicz
Wade Kapszukiewicz, Mayor