

## To The People of Akron:

Whereas: More than 43 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level and 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: The 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 college and career options; and

Whereas: Adult Education programs in high schools and adult schools, as well as in community colleges and community centers, offer low-cost high value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and

Whereas: The City of Akron, Ohio celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about adult education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

Now, Therefore: I, Shammas Malik, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2024, as:

## "Adult Literacy Week"

in the City of Akron.

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Akron to be affixed hereto this 16th day of September 2024.

Mayor
City of Akron