

Proclamation



ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

In Recognition of Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

WHEREAS, *The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reports that more than 43 million adults in the United States lack the basic literacy, numeracy, and digital skills necessary to succeed at home, in the workplace, and in society; and*

WHEREAS, *Nearly 800,000 Georgia adults, one in 10, have low literacy skills, and Georgia adults without a high school diploma are nearly two times more likely to be unemployed than those with a diploma while earning about \$1 million less across their lifetimes and experiencing poverty at three times the rate of high school graduates; and*

WHEREAS, *Low literacy is a multi-generational problem. Children whose parents have low literacy have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading level. Currently, 56 percent of Georgia third grade students cannot read proficiently; these students are more likely to drop out of high school. Without intervention, low literacy will negatively impact Georgia's workforce and economy long-term.; and*

WHEREAS, *Georgia is expected to create more than 250,000 new jobs between now and 2028; 75 percent will require at least a high school diploma. The state will need a workforce with strong literacy skills to meet expected demand; and*

WHEREAS, *The Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) is a critical driver in advancing national and international adult education and literacy opportunities by inspiring educators so adults succeed and communities thrive.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT WE, *the members of the Atlanta City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, do hereby recognize the week of September 15th to 20th as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in the city and encourage all residents to take advantage of education and literacy opportunities offered by COABE and similar organizations.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE
HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND
CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY
OF ATLANTA TO BE AFFIXED



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