



Proclamation 2024-06
Proclamation for National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week
September 16-20, 2024

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, 101,076 working-age adults (18-64) in the state of Idaho are without a high school credential

WHEREAS, Hailey city residents make up 56% of students in Hailey classes, the following Blaine County communities are also represented: Bellevue (16%), Ketchum (13%), Carey (2%), Gannett (2%), Sun Valley (2%) and 9% from outside of the county; and

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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 community colleges and Idaho Department of Corrections offer low cost, high value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, our state 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 their professional and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We, The Board of Blaine County Commissioners, hereby recognize **September 16-20, 2024 as National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week** in Blaine County to enhance public awareness of the fact that education improves lives, often for the whole family. Additionally, improved adult education supports family stability through better job opportunities, citizens are also empowered to engage more fully in civic life.

Dated this 10th day of September in the year 2024.



Muffy Davis, Chair

ATTEST:

Stephen McDougall Graham, Clerk/Recorder

Angenie McCleary, Vice Chair

Lindsay Mollineaux, Commissioner