

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

- Whereas.* approximately 51.4 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level while 75.1 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.* adult education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans advance in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for career and college; and
- Whereas.* adult education and family literacy programs assist adults who are parents or family members in obtaining the education and skills that are necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family; and
- Whereas.* the 52 local adult education providers in South Carolina provide instruction and testing services for residents seeking to attain a high school equivalency credential and support adults in strengthening core literacy, numeracy, and digital skills, learning English as a second language and civics, and preparing for college or to immediately enter a career pathway; and
- Whereas.* adult education programs in high schools, adult schools, community colleges, and community centers offer low cost, high value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and

Now, Therefore, I, Alfred Mae Drakeford, on behalf of the City Council of Camden, South Carolina do hereby proclaim the week of September 18 through 24, 2022 as *Adult Education and Family Literacy Week*, in the City of Camden and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.



Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

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Attest: City Clerk Brenda Davis