

# PROCLAMATION

## *From the Office of the Mayor The City of Dayton, Ohio*

**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**, 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**, Dayton, Ohio 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeffrey Mims, Jr., Mayor of the City of Dayton, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2024 as:

## *Adult Literacy Week*

*in the City of Dayton.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dayton to be affixed this 16th day of September 2024.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.", is written over a white background.

*Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.*

*Mayor*