



HONORARY PROCLAMATION

**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 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, our city of Flora, Illinois, COABE Region 3 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, I, Mike Stanford, City Manager of the City of Flora, Illinois, proclaim September 16th through September 20th, 2024, as

ADULT LITERACY WEEK

in the city of Flora, Illinois, Clay County.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the city of Flora,
Illinois, this 11th day of June 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Stanford'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mike Stanford
City Manager of Flora, Illinois