

WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level while more than 62 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 move forward in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and prepare for careers and college; and,

WHEREAS, adult education programs in schools, community colleges, and community centers offer low-cost, high-value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois 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;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2024, as **Adult Education and Family Literacy Week** in Illinois.

In Witness Wherent, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this _____ NINTH day of ____ SEPTEMBER , in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

____ TWENTY-FOUR , and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and _____ FIFTH .

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