

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 Mansfield 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, Thomas Jones, Jr., Mayor, proclaim September 15 - 21, 2024 as

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

in the City of Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the City of Mansfield,
this 26th day of August, 2024


Mayor - City of Mansfield