



## Proclamation

**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 Massillon 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, Jamie Slutz, Mayor of the City of Massillon, do hereby recognize September 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as:

### **“National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week”**

in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and encourage all Massillonians to join in recognizing the importance of education and literacy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Massillon to be affixed on this day.



  
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**Jamie Slutz, Mayor**  
City of Massillon, OH