

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans cannot 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 college and a career; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2024, adult education programs in Mississippi have served more than 81,554 students; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs in high schools and adult schools, community colleges, and community centers, offer low-cost, high-value programs that enhance Mississippi's workforce, upgrade the skill set of our citizens, and increased participation in these programs also has an impact on accelerating growth toward a healthier economy; and

WHEREAS, AccelerateMS is committed to creating a world-class workforce by increasing the number of adults with enhanced literacy skills and the training necessary to meaningfully participate in Mississippi's workforce; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate and Elevate Adult Education Campaign which advances learning opportunities for all Mississippians and encourages our citizens to learn about all available adult education options to achieve their professional, economic, and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Tate Reeves, proclaim September 15 - 21, 2024, as

ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

in the State of Mississippi, and call upon all educators, volunteers, and citizens to encourage family members and friends to pursue educational resources that will assist them in attaining their professional and personal goals, to build and equip a stronger workforce in the State of Mississippi thereby creating a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all Mississippians.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 28th day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tate Reeves".

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR