

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, Parkersburg, WV 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, Tom Joyce, Mayor, proclaim September 16-20, 2024, as

ADULT LITERACY WEEK

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of Parkersburg,
this 16th day of September 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Joyce", is written over the printed name.

Tom Joyce, Mayor