

## **Certificate of Recognition**

is hereby awarded in honor of

## Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

**Whereas**, The Senate of Pennsylvania is pleased to recognize those individuals and organizations who, through their laudable tenure of service, contribute in a meaningful way to the well-being of their community and the Commonwealth; and,

**Whereas**, Education is a fundamental right and a cornerstone for personal and community development. An estimated 650,000 Pennsylvania adults between 18 and 64 have less than a complete high school education, and 18% of Pennsylvania adults lack the necessary literacy, numeracy, and digital skills to succeed in today's workforce; and,

**Whereas**, Adult education provides opportunities for individuals to acquire new skills, improve their literacy, and attain educational credentials, thereby enhancing their quality of life. Adult education and family literacy programs foster intergenerational learning, strengthen family bonds, equip caregivers with the skills needed to support their children's educational success to help break the cycle of low literacy and intergenerational poverty for both parents and children; and,

**Whereas**, Throughout Pennsylvania, many organizations are dedicated to offering adult education and family literacy programs that address the diverse needs of our community. Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is an opportunity to raise awareness about the significance of these educational programs and to celebrate the achievements of adult learners, educators, and program supporters; and,

**Row therefore**, Senator Art Haywood extends sincere gratitude to all the organizations and programs that are dedicated to offering adult education and family literacy programs that address the diverse needs of our community.

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