

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## The House of Representatives

### Citation

**Whereas**, *The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is recognizing the week of September 16 to 20, 2024, as National Adult and Family Literacy Week in this Commonwealth; and*

**Whereas**, *Access to quality adult basic education and literacy programs is the key to empowering people to enhance their skills, pursue career pathways and actively participate in civic life. A literate and educated workforce contributes significantly to the economic growth and prosperity of Pennsylvania, ensuring innovation, productivity and competitiveness. Adults deserve access to adult education resources that provide the scaffolding to good jobs; and*

**Whereas**, *More than twenty-two percent of adults in Pennsylvania experience literacy issues that impact significantly on their lives and families, their work and their full participation as citizens and residents of our State. Many individuals who do not complete high school do not have the literacy skills to complete their education, transition to postsecondary education or vocational training or become employed. In addition, immigrants with skills and a strong desire to work need English instruction to fill job openings and reclaim careers.*

**Now therefore**, *the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania joins with all Pennsylvanians in observing National Adult and Family Literacy Week; supports efforts to ensure everyone has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at home, at work and in society; encourages residents to participate in activities that strengthen this Commonwealth's literacy achievements;*

**And directs** *that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Ismail Smith-Wade-El on September 4, 2024, be presented in recognition of National Adult and Family Literacy Week.*

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Ismail Smith-Wade-El, Sponsor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanna E. McClinton".

Joanna E. McClinton, Speaker of the House

**Attest:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brooke Wheeler".

Brooke Wheeler, Chief Clerk of the House

