

WHEREAS, education is a fundamental right and an essential foundation for personal growth and societal progress; and

WHEREAS, the GED® test plays a crucial role in providing individuals with the opportunity to earn a high school equivalency credential, opening doors to higher education, better employment opportunities, and increased economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, the GED Testing Service has been dedicated to offering accessible and equitable testing opportunities to individuals striving to enhance their educational attainment and achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, GED graduates contribute significantly to our communities by demonstrating resilience, determination, and a commitment to lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the Morehead State University Adult Education Program, Rowan County, being the first county in the Commonwealth to do so, has offered free GED preparation services since the year of 1967 and has celebrated adult learner's achievements and contributions to the economic development and personal development of the residents of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, GED Day serves as a reminder to celebrate the achievements of GED graduates and to raise awareness about the importance of supporting educational pathways that accommodate diverse learning journeys; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Harry T. Clark, Rowan County Judge/Executive, and I, Laura White-Brown, Mayor of Morehead do hereby proclaim September 16, 2024, to be:

## NATIONAL GED DAY

and commends this observance to the citizens of Rowan County.

Harry Clark, Rowan County Judge - Executive

Lawra White-Brown, Mayor of Morehead