



Proclamation



J. Ryan McMahon II
County Executive
Onondaga County

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Ben Walsh
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WHEREAS, there are 1,374,031 working-age (18-64) New York adults without a high school credential, and of those, 82,111 are unemployed; and

WHEREAS, 1,712,990 New York adults do not speak English well or at all, and many here in Onondaga County are eligible to naturalize; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2024, 48% of New York job openings will be middle-skill and 32% will be high-skill, and in less than three years, nearly 80% of all job openings will require a high school credential; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping residents move forward in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and provide opportunities to bridge the workforce supply and demand gap; and

WHEREAS, the City of Syracuse and County of Onondaga join the State of New York in celebrating Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, helping our citizens learn about their adult education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. RYAN MCMAHON, II, County Executive of the County of Onondaga, and I, BEN WALSH, Mayor of the City of Syracuse do hereby proclaim the week of September fifteenth to the twenty-first, two thousand twenty-four to be

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

In the County of Onondaga and the City of Syracuse

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seals of the County of Onondaga and the City of Syracuse to be imprinted this fourteenth day of August, two thousand twenty-four.

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