



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, more than 43 million adults in the United States cannot read, write, or do math above a third-grade level;

Whereas, low literacy and English language proficiency are often barriers to employment and community engagement for many Utahns;

Whereas, the greatest determinant of a child's school readiness and later achievement, over factors such as neighborhood and family income, is their primary caretaker's own reading skill;

Whereas, research has shown that bringing literacy skills up to the equivalent of a sixth-grade reading level across the country would generate an additional \$2.2 trillion a year for the U.S. economy;

Whereas, adult education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping learners move along the continuum in their educational and career pathways with low-cost, high-value programs;

Whereas, Adult Education and Family Literacy Week encourages open communication about the importance of literacy to the economic and social well-being of Utah communities; and,

Whereas, Utah celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign, which helps community members learn about their adult education options to attain their personal and professional goals;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare
Sept. 15-21, 2024, as

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in
Utah

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