



The City of York Pennsylvania

The Honorable Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor

Proclamation

Adult Education & Family Literacy Week 2024

WHEREAS, Education is a fundamental right and a cornerstone for personal and community development; and

WHEREAS, There are working-aged people in York City and throughout the nation lacking the necessary literacy, numeracy, and digital skills to succeed in today's workforce; and

WHEREAS, 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, and help break the cycle of low literacy and intergenerational poverty by improving educational opportunities for both parents and children; and

WHEREAS, In York County, organizations and institutions like the York Literacy Institute are dedicated to offering adult education and family literacy programs that address the diverse needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, These programs contribute to reducing poverty, improving health outcomes, and fostering civic engagement among adult learners and their families; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of these educational programs and to celebrate the achievements of adult learners, educators, and program supporters; and

WHEREAS, Investing in adult education and family literacy programs strengthens communities, enhances workforce development, and promotes economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, The City of York is committed to supporting and promoting adult education and family literacy initiatives that empower individuals and strengthen our community as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, **Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor of the City of York, Pennsylvania**, do hereby proclaim the week of September 16-20 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week; encourage all residents to recognize and support the efforts of adult education; and celebrate the contributions of adult learners and educators in our city.

Given under my hand this sixteenth of September in the year two thousand twenty-four.

Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor