



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

WHEREAS, more than 51 million Americans have low literacy skills and approximately 75 million have low math skills, which form the foundation for employment and future careers; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia Adult Education reported that more than 1,700 students earned a GED or adult high school diploma between July 1, 2018 and June 20, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, in academic year 2022, Virginia's community colleges served more than 88,000 students age 22 and older through credit programs and the short-term, high-demand FastForward program; and,

WHEREAS, employment in Virginia is expected to grow significantly and a larger pool of skilled employees is necessary to support job expansion; and,

WHEREAS, adult education programs help Americans progress in their educational journey to achieve necessary knowledge and skills for job opportunities and careers; and,

WHEREAS, more than 4,000 adult learners made improvements in academic and career readiness skills between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2021; and,


WHEREAS, adult education programs in high schools, adult schools, community colleges and community centers offer low cost, high value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and,


WHEREAS, between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2021, Virginia Adult Education reported that nearly 7,500 participants improved in English language proficiency and nearly 3,400 participants were enrolled in an integrated education and training program; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their adult education options to attain their professional and personal goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize September 18-24, 2022 as **ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK** in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth