Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, more than 43 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level while 6.2 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary in to succeed in post-secondary education; and

Whereas, every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and

Whereas, the American Action Forum estimates that America is short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels; and

Whereas, Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for a career or college; and

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

Whereas, the Great State of West Virginia celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate and Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 16-20, 2024* as:

Adult Education and Literacy Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State