



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Approximately 43 million Americans cannot read or write above a third-grade level, and in Georgia alone, roughly 1 million individuals over the age of eighteen have not completed high school or received a High School Equivalency Credential; and
- WHEREAS:** Literacy rates are typically the lowest in economically disadvantaged communities. These low literacy rates often correlate with high unemployment rates, high crime rates, and welfare dependency; and
- WHEREAS:** By promoting adult education and family literacy, we can ensure that all Georgia parents or guardians are prepared to help their children learn to read medicine bottles, navigate public transportation, practice comparative shopping, make correct change, and complete homework for school; and
- WHEREAS:** Increasing public awareness of literacy rates can alleviate illiteracy, while also supporting and strengthening workplace, school, and volunteer literacy programs on the local, state, and national levels; and
- WHEREAS:** During Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, the State of Georgia encourages its citizens to learn about the resources available to them to improve literacy, regardless of their age; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 5-10, 2021 as ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B.P.K.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipertich

CHIEF OF STAFF