

**National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week
September 18-24, 2022**

WHEREAS, more than 51.4 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level while 75.1 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 career and college; 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, Adult Education and family literacy programs assists adults who are parents or family members in obtaining the education and skills that are necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family; and

WHEREAS, the 52 local adult education providers in South Carolina provide instruction and testing services for residents seeking to attain a high school equivalency credential and support adults in strengthening core literacy, numeracy, and digital skills, learning English as a second language and civics, and preparing for college or to immediately enter a career pathway; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina 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; and

WHEREAS, in the Palmetto State, an estimated 796,387 citizens ages 16-74 are below the literacy level, and an estimated 469,729 South Carolinians over the age of 25 do not have a high school diploma or equivalent: and

WHEREAS, in 2021-2022, South Carolina adult education programs served 18,995 adult learners; with 1,758 earning a high school equivalency diploma (GED) and 676 earning a high school diploma.

WHEREAS, in Georgetown County, an estimated 1,888 citizens ages 16-74 are below the literacy level, and an estimated 1,605 Georgetonians over the age of 25 do not have a high school diploma or equivalent: and

WHEREAS, in 2021-2022, Georgetown County Adult Education served 202 adult learners; with 23 earning a high school equivalency diploma (GED) and 48 earning a high school diploma.

NOW, THEREFORE, Georgetown County Council, does hereby proclaim September 18 - 24, 2022, as

GEORGETOWN COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

and encourages all Georgetonians to work together to increase literacy among the residents of Georgetown County.

SO SHALL IT BE this 13th Day of September, 2022.

ATTEST

Theresa E. Floyd, Clerk to Council

Louis R. Morant, Chairman