



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Approximately 32 million Americans cannot read or write, and in Georgia alone, roughly 1.1 million individuals over the age of eighteen have not completed high school or received a General Educational Development certificate; 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 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; and
- WHEREAS:** Low literacy rates among adults may also be countered by supporting and strengthening workplace, school, and volunteer literacy programs on the local, state, and national levels; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 8-14, 2019 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 6th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

T. K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF