

# Proclamation

*by Governor Jim Justice*

- Whereas,** more than 51.4 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level while 75.1 million Americans 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,** as reported in 2019, there were 127,752 working-age adults (18-64) in the Mountain State without a high school credential; and
- Whereas,** American Action Forum estimates that America is short about 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 their careers 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,** the state of West 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,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 18-24, 2022* as:

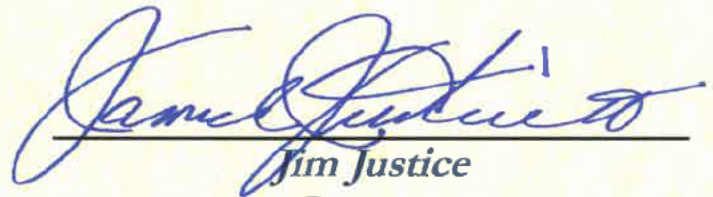
## *National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week*

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-Third day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



  
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*Jim Justice*  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
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*Mac Warner*  
Secretary of State