

Proclamation

National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

September 16-20, 2024

WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level while 62.7 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Reporting System, in 2023 there were 12,202 adults 18-64 without a high school diploma and unemployed, 70,518 not in the labor force and 40,572 on public assistance; and

WHEREAS, nationally every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school and in Connecticut it is estimated that over 119,000 youth (18-24) have left school over the last three years; and

WHEREAS, in Connecticut there are 120,195 adults, 18 and older, who do not speak English well or at all; and

WHEREAS, in 2023-2024 Connecticut's adult education programs provided support for just under 30,000 adult learners; 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

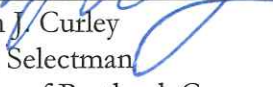
WHEREAS, Adult Education in Connecticut offers low cost, high value programs in every community focused on providing a high school credential, citizenship training, English as a Second Language, Digital Literacy and Workforce Development skills designed to elevate the economic self-sufficiency of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut 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, Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman of the Town of Portland Connecticut, hereby proclaim September 16 - 20, 2024 as **ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Portland to be affixed this 4th day of September in the year two thousand and twenty-four.

By,



Ryan J. Curley
First Selectman
Town of Portland, Connecticut

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