

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, more than 51.4 million Americans lack the most basic reading and writing skills, and 75.1 million citizens 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**, currently, there are 361,781 Mississippians age 18 and older without a high school diploma; and

**WHEREAS**, American Action Forum estimated that in 2020, America lacked 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 in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and become prepared for career and college; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2015 and 2020, Adult Education programs in Mississippi have served more than 45,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, Adult Education programs in high schools and adult schools, community colleges and community centers offer low-cost, high-value programs that can upgrade the skill set of our citizens, and increased participation in these programs also has an impact on accelerating growth toward a healthier economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week and is a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign, which helps our citizens learn about their Adult Education options to reach their professional and personal goals.

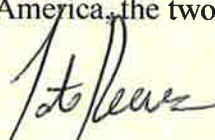
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Governor Tate Reeves, proclaim September 19-25, 2021, as

### ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

in the State of Mississippi, and call upon all educators, volunteers, and citizens to encourage family members and friends to pursue educational resources that will assist them in attaining their professional and personal goals, to build and equip a stronger workforce in the State of Mississippi thereby creating a better, brighter and more hopeful future for all Mississippians.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 22<sup>ND</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.

  
TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR

