

WHEREAS, thousands of adults in Maine are in need of assistance in order to qualify for better-paying or more fulfilling jobs, to achieve a post-secondary education, or to improve their English language skills; and

WHEREAS, success in these endeavors leads to these adults becoming more effective family members, citizens, and workers; and

WHEREAS, Maine's 70 public school Adult Education programs exist to assist Mainers seeking to become job-ready, advance in the workplace, prepare for a post-secondary education, or increase their literacy in the English language; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education can often provide this assistance in a more cost-effective manner than other educational alternatives through a decentralized system that is within financial and geographic reach of anyone in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education students vary in age, background, ethnicity, and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Maine is dedicated to helping these students achieve the skills they need to expand their future career and educational opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize September 19th through 25th, 2021 as

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to observe this week with the appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this eighth day of September Two Thousand Twenty-One

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Shenna Bellows Secretary of State