

**WHEREAS**, thousands of adults in Maine are in need of assistance in order to qualify for betterpaying 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 75 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

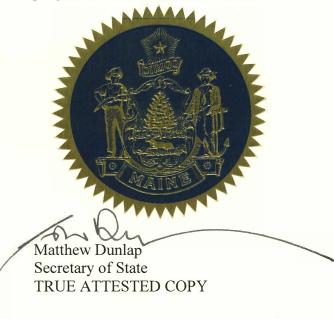
WHEREAS, Adult Education students vary in age, background, ethnicity, and aspirations; and

**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 22nd through 29th, 2019 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 tenth day of September Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills Governor