

City of Richmond



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA USA 23219

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Reading and Education for Adult Development (READ) Center is a community-based nonprofit organization providing educational opportunities to adults with low-level reading and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Richmond, 1 in 6 adults lacks the literacy skills to read a bus schedule, help children with their homework, complete job applications or fill out medical forms; and

WHEREAS, literacy skills--reading, writing, comprehension, and math and digital skills -- are vital to nearly every aspect of a person's life, including health, financial well-being, employment, and civic and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, 65% of all jobs will require some level of postsecondary education or training, while nearly half of the U.S. workforce has only a high school education or less; and

WHEREAS, 43% of adults with the lowest literacy levels live in poverty and the children of low-literate parents have a 72% chance of being low-literate themselves; and

WHEREAS, The READ Center's mission is to help adults develop literacy skills so they can fulfill their roles as family members, employees, and community members;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of the City of Richmond, Virginia do hereby proclaim September 23 – September 29, 2018 as

“Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”

in the City of Richmond and acknowledge the need to increase public awareness about the need for and value of adult education and family literacy with resources to support access to basic education programs for the 36,000 adults in Richmond who cannot read, write, or do basic math above a third-grade level.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the seal of the City of Richmond, this 23rd day of September, 2018


Levar M. Stoney, Mayor
City of Richmond