## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, any out-of-school adult, aged 16+ can receive free adult education and literacy Services

through Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc., Northeast Kingdom Learning

Services, The Tutorial Center, and Vermont Adult Learning; and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations provide services in every town and

county throughout Vermont in order to empower Vermonters to build better lives through education, training and employment, and to strengthen Vermont's workforce and economy;

and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations support adults with barriers to

employment, such as low literacy, disabilities, low income, and long-term unemployment;

and

**WHEREAS,** these four adult education and literacy organizations provided services to nearly 1,800 adult

Vermonters, ensuring they had career and college opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's adult education and literacy services are a key piece of the workforce

development system and serve as the entryway into career readiness and workforce development for thousands of our most vulnerable Vermonters – those with low literacy or low numeracy skills, under-education, and those in need or increased skills so they can

succeed; and

**WHEREAS,** these four adult education and literacy organizations help people build the assets they need

to move out of poverty successfully, as well as the confidence to continue to move toward

success throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations support adults in developing goals

focused on bettering their family lives, their academics, and their career and college

readiness; and

**WHEREAS,** these four adult education and literacy organizations ensure adults have the opportunity to

obtain a high school credential; and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations provide Vermont's adult immigrants

and refugees with the opportunity to learn English language skills, to obtain citizenship

skills and United States citizenship, to get jobs and to integrate into their new communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 18 through 22, 2023, as

## ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of September, A.D. 2023.

Philip B. Scott Governor

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Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs