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Proclaiming Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

Since 2009, Adult Education and Family Literacy Week (AEFL Week) has been celebrated annually. Established by the National Coalition for Literacy, this week highlights the importance of adult education and family literacy. Since its creation, AEFL Week has been observed each September, with activities and advocacy efforts raising public awareness, securing resources, and promoting access to education for adults in need of literacy, numeracy, and digital skills. This year, AEFL Week will be observed from September 13 through September 19.

The importance of this week remains pivotal. More than 43 million American adults struggle with foundational literacy skills, over 62 million lack basic numeracy skills, more than 28 million lack basic digital skills, and millions more seek the education, credentials, and workforce training needed to fully participate in today's economy. Illiteracy costs the U.S. economy over $300 billion per year in lost earnings, lower productivity, less innovation, and increased need for government assistance, and 69 percent of American employers report challenges in finding the skilled talent they need.

Adult education and family literacy programs open doors to opportunity by

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helping adults earn high school equivalency diplomas, improve English language skills, prepare for college and careers, strengthen digital literacy and the ability to use emerging technologies, and build the skills needed for lifelong success. A strong adult education system strengthens the workforce, helps employers meet growing talent needs, increases economic mobility, and builds healthier, more resilient families and communities. This system is supported by adult education providers— including community colleges, school districts, literacy organizations, correctional education programs, workforce partners, libraries, and community-based organizations— who deliver high-quality educational opportunities that transform lives every day.

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week recognizes the achievements of adult learners, honors the educators, volunteers, and partners who support them, and raises awareness of the essential role adult education plays in strengthening families, communities, and the nation. The National Association for the Transformation of Adult Education (NAFTAE) serves as the nation's leading advocacy organization dedicated to advancing public policy, strengthening grassroots advocacy, and elevating the voices of adult learners and educators to ensure adult education remains a cornerstone of America's workforce and future prosperity

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim September 13 through September 19, 2026 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in Los Angeles County; and
2. Adopt the attached resolution proclaiming Adult Education and Family Literacy

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Week; and

3. Encourage all residents to recognize the value of adult education, celebrate the achievements of adult learners, and support the programs and educators who create pathways to opportunity for individuals, families, employers, and our community.

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RESOLUTION

National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

September 13–19, 2026

WHEREAS, more than 43 million American adults struggle with foundational literacy skills, more than 62 million lack basic numeracy skills, more than 28 million lack basic digital skills, and millions more seek the education, credentials, and workforce training needed to fully participate in today's economy; and

WHEREAS, already, 69 percent of American employers report challenges in finding the skilled talent they need; and

WHEREAS, illiteracy costs the U.S. economy over $300 billion per year in lost earnings, lower productivity, less innovation, and increased need for government assistance; and

WHEREAS, adult education and family literacy programs open doors to opportunity by helping adults earn high school equivalency diplomas, improve English language skills, prepare for college and careers, strengthen digital literacy and the ability to use emerging technologies, and build the skills needed for lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, a strong adult education system strengthens our workforce, helps employers meet growing talent needs, increases economic mobility, and builds healthier, more resilient families and communities; and

WHEREAS, adult education providers—including community colleges, school districts, literacy organizations, correctional education programs, workforce partners, libraries, and community-based organizations—deliver high-quality educational opportunities that transform lives every day; and

WHEREAS, as our nation commemorates America's 250th anniversary, expanding access to adult education honors the promise of opportunity by empowering more Americans to participate fully in civic life, contribute to their communities, and help shape the nation's next 250 years; and

WHEREAS, National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week recognizes the achievements of adult learners, honors the educators, volunteers, and partners who support them, and raises awareness of the essential role adult education plays in strengthening families, communities, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Transformation of Adult Education (NAFTAE) serves as the nation's leading advocacy organization dedicated to advancing public policy, strengthening grassroots advocacy, and elevating the voices of adult learners and educators to ensure adult education remains a cornerstone of America's workforce and future prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaims **September 13–19, 2026**, as **ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK** and encourage all residents to recognize the value of adult education, celebrate the achievements of adult learners, and support the programs and educators who create pathways to opportunity for individuals, families, employers, and our community.

The foregoing Resolution was on the 15th day of September 2026, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and *ex officio* the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

EDWARD YEN, Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By:_____
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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