

The City of Boston



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:** Education is a lifelong journey, and access to high-quality learning opportunities strengthens individuals, families, communities, and the economy; AND
- Whereas:** Across the nation, more than 59 million adults lack basic reading skills, 72 million lack basic math skills, and in Boston, over 53,000 residents age 25 and older have not earned a high school diploma, while more than 105,000 residents speak English less than "very well," creating barriers to education, employment, and full participation in civic life; AND
- Whereas:** Every year, thousands of Boston residents enroll in Adult Basic Education (ABE), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), High School Equivalency preparation, and family literacy programs that open doors to college, careers, community leadership, and multi-generational success; AND
- Whereas:** The City of Boston, in partnership with community-based organizations, educators, advocates, and our partners in state government, is committed to ensuring access to adult education programs that help residents build foundational skills and prepare for college, careers, and full civic participation, enabling them to thrive in a changing economy; AND
- Whereas:** Adult Education and Family Literacy Week celebrates the achievements of learners and educators, and underscores the critical importance of continued investment in lifelong learning; NOW
- Therefore:** I, Michelle Wu, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby declare September 14th – 20th, to be:

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week
in the City of Boston

MICHELLE WU
MAYOR OF BOSTON
September 14th – September 20th, 2025