

The City of Boston



PROCLAMATION

- 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,** *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,** *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 our state government, community-based organizations, educators, and advocates, 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 & 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; NOW*
- Therefore,** *I, Michelle Wu, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby declare September 13 to September 19, 2026, to be:*

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in the City of Boston

Michelle Wu

**MICHELLE WU
MAYOR OF BOSTON**

September 13th - September 19th, 2026