



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA ADULT AND FAMILY LITERACY MONTH

WHEREAS, adult education provides learning opportunities for Florida residents who have not obtained high school credentials, or who have not mastered basic skills before graduating from high school, or who are English language learners; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs serve a diverse group of students, including those with learning disabilities, physical and emotional difficulties, as well as those who are in family literacy classes or correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, family literacy refers to English literacy and life skills instruction designed to raise parents' education level, to support parenting strategies, and help children develop foundational skills for future academic success; and

WHEREAS, parents who improve their own literacy skills are better prepared to assist in educating their children and are equipped with the tools and skills necessary to achieve success; and

WHEREAS, Florida's public schools, volunteer and community-based literacy organizations, colleges, and libraries provide adult basic education and family literacy services to more than 217,990 adults annually; and

WHEREAS, Floridians are encouraged to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by adult education and to support and participate in these programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2016 as *Florida Adult and Family Literacy Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 30th day of August, in the year two thousand sixteen.



Governor