

National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week
Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 51.4 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level while 75.1 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and

WHEREAS, American Action Forum estimates that America is short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for career and college; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs in high schools and adult schools, community colleges and community centers offer low cost, high value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette, Indiana celebrates **Adult Education and Family Literacy Week** as a proud participant in the National Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their adult education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette, Indiana, proclaim September 19-23, 2002 as

ADULT LITERACY WEEK

in the City of Lafayette, Indiana.

Mayor Tony Roswarski
City of Lafayette, Indiana