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Relative to Proclaiming

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

Whereas, Lifelong literacy is a basic right for all individuals in our society and is essential to the welfare of the nation and the State of California; and

Whereas, California public libraries provide Californians of all ages and backgrounds with a trusted, stigma-free environment in which to achieve their literacy goals; and

Whereas, Family literacy programs are proven to be an effective intervention strategy in breaking the cycle of illiteracy for both children and adults; and

Whereas, Literacy programs in California's public libraries change the lives of nearly 16,000 Californians every year by helping adult learners and their families learn to read and write; and

Whereas, Since 1984, more than a quarter of a million learners and their families in California have benefited from library-based literacy services; and

Whereas, The National Coalition for Literacy has designated the week of September 20-26, 2020 as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, the goal of which is to heighten public awareness, strengthen alliances, leverage resources, and increase the number of people who understand the vital role adult education and family literacy plays in our nation's well-being.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, That all Californians and California libraries are encouraged to join the California State Library in observing NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK from September 20-26, 2020.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2020.

State Librarian Greg Lucas