

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2017

To declare the week of September 24 through September 30, 2017 as “Adult Education and Family Literacy Awareness Week” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the week of September 24 through September 30, 2017 is National Adult Education and Family Literacy Awareness Week;

WHEREAS, literacy is integral to the quality of life and necessary to create productive workers, family members, and citizens of all ages;

WHEREAS, the need for a highly literate community continues to grow rapidly as the District of Columbia’s economy grows increasingly knowledge-based and technology-driven;

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 District residents lack a high school credential and thousands more lack basic literacy and numeracy skills;

WHEREAS, adults with at least some postsecondary education are more likely to find jobs that pay family-sustaining wages and are therefore better able to provide a stable home for themselves and their families;

WHEREAS, the most effective way to improve the academic success of a child is to improve the educational level of the parent; and

WHEREAS, literacy skills impact every aspect of an adult’s life, including the ability to read to their children and be fully involved in their education, earning a family-supporting wage, making informed healthcare decisions, and understanding voting issues and other civic engagements.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Adult Education and Family Literacy Awareness Week Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the week of September 24 through September 30, 2017, as “Adult Education and Family Literacy Awareness Week” in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents to learn more about the importance of literacy at all ages and become involved with adult learners and literacy programs in our community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.