



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the need for an informed and literate citizenry to promote social and economic recovery and health in our state and in our nation has never been greater; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's free adult education programs have provided essential education and support opportunities before and throughout the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this adult education and literacy system is essential to improving the quality of life for individuals, children, and families; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's 24 adult education programs provide free instruction, support, and test preparation services for residents seeking to attain a High School Equivalency (HSE) credential; and

WHEREAS, these programs also support New Mexican adults to strengthen core literacy, numeracy, and digital skills, learn English as a Second Language (ESL) and civics, and prepare for college or to immediately enter a career pathway; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs served 9,520 adult learners for the 2019-2020 program year, with 655 New Mexicans attaining a high school equivalency credential, 1,463 transitioning to higher education or vocational training, and 7,500 gaining employment after participating in the program; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Higher Education Department, the New Mexico Adult Education Association, all 24 of New Mexico's Adult Education programs, New Mexico's network of community-based and nonprofit literacy organizations, and their many partners are committed to increasing access to education and literacy in our state and addressing unemployment and underemployment; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2021 as:

"Adult Education and Literacy Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

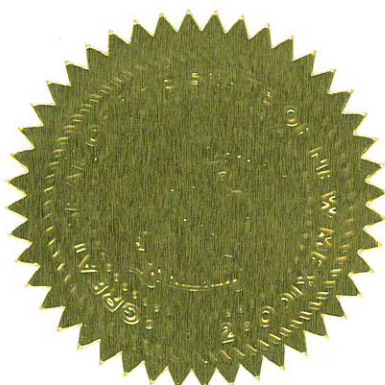
Attest:

*Done at the Executive Office this
5th day of March 2021.*

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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Secretary of State

*Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.*



Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Governor