WHEREAS; the ability to read, write, and engage in continuous learning is vital for personal and community growth, empowering individuals to achieve their goals, pursue higher education, secure better employment opportunities, grow and maintain economic self-sufficiency, and actively participate in society; and

WHEREAS; adult education and family literacy programs in Wisconsin provide essential educational opportunities and resources for adult learners, including literacy, English as a second language, high school equivalency diplomas, numeracy, digital literacy, health literacy, and workforce readiness skills; and

WHEREAS; organizations across Wisconsin serve thousands of adult learners statewide, delivering impactful literacy services and supporting learners in achieving their educational and career aspirations; and

WHEREAS; through collaborative efforts and strong community partnerships, Wisconsin continues to make significant strides in improving adult literacy, promoting lifelong learning, and fostering a more inclusive and engaged society; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsinites in championing the importance of adult education, recognizing the achievements of adult learners, and celebrating the dedicated work of literacy providers, educators, volunteers, and supporters who contribute to the success and advancement of adult education in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 13 through 19 2026 as

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State