



ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY MONTH
September 2010
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Community College System, 20% of adults in North Carolina demonstrate low literacy skills, which severely impacts their ability to live normally, work productively, and participate fully as citizens and residents of our State; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Community College System, 50% of adults in North Carolina are unable to obtain a high school diploma, struggle to secure a livable wage for themselves and their families, and do not have access to adequate health care because they lack necessary reading and life skills; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Literacy Association and North Carolina Community College System, North Carolina's literacy councils, community-based organizations and community colleges helped more than 121,602 North Carolinians learn basic life skills and improve their ability to read and write; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Community College System, of these 121,602 North Carolinians, 17,045 earned an adult high school diploma or GED credential, 31,530 improved their English language skills, 2,607 were enrolled in workplace literacy programs, 67,917 increased their basic literacy skills, and 2,503 worked with their families to become better educated; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Literacy Association and the North Carolina Community College System highlight the economic and societal importance of literacy in North Carolina's communities by working to sponsor observances of Literacy Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Beverly Perdue, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **September 2010** as "**ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY MONTH**" in North Carolina, and challenge my fellow citizens to become invested in eliminating illiteracy in our state.

Beverly Perdue

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.