

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF LITERACY MONTH AND ADULT LITERACY WEEK

Whereas, literacy is the foundation for success in school, in work, and throughout life; and

Whereas, 42% of Delaware children read below grade level and 20% of adults in Delaware read below a 3rd-grade reading level; and

Whereas, numerous organizations are collaborating through the Delaware Community of Excellence Equity Through Literacy initiative to address the literacy gap for all Delawareans across the lifespan; and

Whereas, the First Chance Delaware initiative is helping to raise awareness of the importance of early, positive, interactive language experiences toward healthy brain development and school readiness; and

Whereas, every Delawarean under age 5 is now eligible to register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library through Delaware Libraries as a foundation for literacy success; and

Whereas, Literacy Delaware provides literacy tutoring for adults as a foundation to access a high school credential, job training programs, college and careers; and

Whereas, the extensive efforts of all of the literacy partners empower Delawareans to build better lives and to strengthen Delaware's workforce and economy.

*Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,*
do hereby declare September 2022 and September 18th - 24th 2022

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in the State of Delaware, and encourage all Delawareans to support literacy work on behalf of our neighbors of every age, to read with children, to get a library card, and to recognize and promote reading as an essential skill and lifelong pleasure.




John C. Carney
Governor


Bethany A. Hall-Long
Lieutenant Governor