



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Dover Adult Learning Center has continuously provided high quality adult education since 1968, allowing community members to reach their full personal, educational, and career potential through education, training, and employment, strengthening New Hampshire's communities, workforce and economy; and
- WHEREAS:** DALC serves the most vulnerable populations, including people with disabilities, the unemployed, homeless, and immigrants in a respectful, responsive, and welcoming environment helping them overcome barriers to educational advancement and civic participation; and
- WHEREAS:** DALC's multiple locations serve one of the largest adult literacy populations in the state. Adults in all cities and towns in Strafford County have access to adult education in DALC's two permanent locations in Dover and Rochester, the Strafford County Department of Corrections, and with volunteer tutors; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 8,000 people have completed high school with a diploma or equivalency at DALC. Many years, more people earn a high school equivalency here than anywhere else in the state of NH; and
- WHEREAS:** English language learners from dozens of countries around the world who speak numerous different languages improve their ability to speak, read, and write English; earn US Citizenship and/or gain civics skills; and
- WHEREAS:** Adult graduates of DALC continue their education and prepare for careers. In addition to reading, writing and math, students learn digital literacy skills, gain "college knowledge" and prepare a career plan. Many enter training, community college or apprenticeships better prepared for success; and
- WHEREAS:** DALC provides a safety net for teens who might otherwise drop out of high school. In-school youth complete some or all of their high school education with DALC under alternative learning plans written by their high schools. These students become part of the graduation rate instead of the dropout rate; and
- WHEREAS:** Over the past 50 years, DALC has worked tirelessly to build partnerships with the community, schools, and businesses to continuously improve its programs and meet the needs of its constituents, and pledges to do so for the next 50 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE:

DOVER ADULT LEARNING CENTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dover to be affixed this **14th Day of September, 2022**

Robert Carrier, Mayor,
City of Dover, New Hampshire