

**RESOLUTION ON ADULT LIFELONG
LEARNING AND LITERACY**

2002 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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This resolution of the Senate designates the second week of September 2002 as Adult Lifelong Learning and Literacy week in the state of Utah. The resolution recognizes and encourages Utah adults in their efforts to pursue lifelong learning and to promote literacy and expresses support for financial efforts aimed at aiding adults in their quest for literacy.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, literacy is of fundamental importance in the personal, family, social, workplace, community, civic, and religious affairs of Utah's citizens;

WHEREAS, literacy is the primary key for individuals, families, and Utah communities to achieve economic and social well-being;

WHEREAS, the April U.S. News and World Report stated that 75 percent of all adults need additional training;

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Utah adults who lack participation in the broad affairs of community, state, and nation are in critical need of basic language, workplace, and individual skills to meet the demands of everyday life and changing technology;

WHEREAS, over 150,000 additional Utah adults are in need of higher basic literacy skills, high school diplomas, or General Education Diplomas;

WHEREAS, the business community reports that it is more productive and is able to retain more employees who gain English For Speakers of Second Languages training;

WHEREAS, thousands of Utah educators and volunteers are turning their energy and expertise toward promoting self-worth and self-actualization, providing the means to expand horizons, and ending continuing generations of illiteracy; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Senate acknowledges the need for collaborative efforts providing interagency, business, and community cooperation of providers for adult education services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the state of Utah designates

the second week of September 2002 as Adult Lifelong Learning and Literacy week in the state of Utah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate recognizes, honors, and encourages Utah adults in their efforts to pursue lifelong learning and to promote literacy for every adult and child in Utah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate recognizes and encourages additional business partnerships and financial state support designed to provide services to adult learners in their quest to obtain literacy and English language skills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah State Office of Education, the Utah Manufacturers Association, the Utah Library association, the Utah Partnership for Education and Economic Development, and the Utah Education Association.