

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a literate population is vital to the social and economic well-being of the State of New Mexico and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Legislature promotes literacy through its support of the Adult and Family Literacy Initiative of the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy to aid underserved, illiterate adults and their families statewide; and

WHEREAS, community and volunteer-based adult literacy programs have served the citizens of New Mexico by providing individual one-to-one and small group tutoring to over seventy-seven thousand four hundred fifty-two adult students statewide; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy has provided training and support to over twenty-five thousand and twelve volunteer tutors in the past twenty-three years, who have in turn provided two million sixty-eight thousand six hundred thirty five hours of instruction for the adult students they have served; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico continues to promote literacy for residents of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2010 as:

“Literacy Day in New Mexico”