

PROCLAMATION

National Family Literacy Day

WHEREAS, our relative wealth has often led us to neglect the basic strengths on which this Nation was founded and has prospered. One of these strengths is an education level for all Americans adequate to support a productive work force, strong family structures, and a responsible citizenry.

WHEREAS, Literacy is fundamental for all facets of life, is not a luxury. It is a right and a responsibility, yet there are approximately 27 million adults who lack the most fundamental skills necessary to survive and succeed in our society. National Literacy Day provides us a time to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that all Americans possess the basic reading and math skills on which all further learning must be built.

WHEREAS, in recent years progress has been made toward a more widely literate society. States and communities, volunteer and religious organizations, businesses and labor organizations have all made invaluable contributions to raising public awareness and assisting undereducated adults.

WHEREAS, this month, we dedicate ourselves to increasing information literacy awareness so that all citizens understand its vital importance. An informed and educated citizenry is essential to the functioning of our modern society.

Now, Therefore, I, Michael C. Bowers, Mayor of the City of Greenville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2011, as "National Literacy Day" and I encourage our educational and community institutions to help Americans find and evaluate the information they seek, in all its forms.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.



Michael C. Bowers, Mayor