

Requesting a National Family Literacy Month® proclamation



Proclamations are often issued by city or county governments to recognize a person, celebrate an organization, or honor a day, week, or month. Residents can request that their local government issue a proclamation to honor National Family Literacy Month® and celebrate the work of local family literacy practitioners and providers.

Start the process early (at least a month in advance) by visiting your city or county government website and searching for “proclamation”. You can also use the website’s “Contact Us” link to ask for instructions on submitting a proclamation request. Have the following information ready when submitting your request:

- The event you want to honor: National Family Literacy Month
- The date of the event to be proclaimed: The month of November
- The date when the proclamation is needed: November 1, 2025
- A brief description of your organization
- Name, phone, and email for your organization’s point of contact



The proclamation request will also ask for details on the purpose of the proclamation. Feel free to use the following bullet points to support your request. And don’t forget to add additional details on the specific impacts that family literacy has had on your community.

- 43 million adults struggle with basic literacy, numeracy, and English language skills. Without these basic skills, parents don’t have the tools they need to support their children’s education or reach their own workforce and economic goals.
- Family literacy, in which multiple generations from the same family engage in learning together, recognizes the critical link between adult education and child academic success.
- Families involved in family literacy programming often see children perform better in school and attend school more frequently while parents become better equipped to partner with their child’s school and develop the tools to improve their family’s economic mobility.
- National Family Literacy Month, established by the National Center for Families Learning, celebrates the families who are engaging in learning together, ensuring that education is a shared value that is carried forward generation to generation.