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**Governor Brown Proclaims September
“Adult Literacy Awareness Month”**

Proclamation coincides with 30th anniversary of California Library Literacy Services

Sacramento, Calif. – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today issued a [proclamation](#) declaring September “Adult Literacy Awareness Month.” The proclamation coincides with a statewide awareness campaign titled “Together, California Reads” which was [announced](#) by the California State Library on August 26 in celebration of California Library Literacy Services’ 30th anniversary.

Since its inception, [California’s Library Literacy Services](#) has helped nearly a quarter of a million Californians learn to read and write. It is estimated that more than 4 million California adults have low literacy skills, rendering them incapable of reading a newspaper, a bedtime story to a child or the instructions on a bottle of medicine. Nearly 4,000 Californians are currently on waiting lists across the state hoping to be matched with a volunteer tutor who can help them improve their literacy skills.

Inspirational stories about California adult learners and their volunteer tutors, as well as a complete statewide listing of public library events celebrating 30 years of California’s Library Literacy Services, can be found at www.CalReads.org. For social media updates and other announcements regarding California’s adult literacy issues, please follow the CLLS twitter handle [@CalReads](#) (#CalReads).

About California Library Literacy Services: California Library Literacy Services, a program of the California State Library, helps low-literacy adults and their families. Over 20,000 adult learners each year are provided one-on-one or small group instruction by thousands of trained volunteer tutors in over 500 public libraries. Instruction is based on each individual learner’s pace and goals. The program targets English speaking adults who struggle with basic reading and writing skills. As a result, these adults are voting for the first time, reading newspapers, reading aloud to their children and securing jobs. For more information, visit www.CalReads.org.

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