**WHEREAS:** Approximately 43 million Americans cannot read or write above a third-grade level, and in Georgia alone, roughly 1 million individuals over the age of eighteen have not completed high school or received a High School Equivalency Credential; and

**WHEREAS:** Literacy rates are typically the lowest in economically disadvantaged communities. These low literacy rates often correlate with high unemployment rates, high crime rates, and welfare dependence; and

**WHEREAS:** By promoting adult education and family literacy, we can ensure that all Macon Bibb County parents or guardians are prepared to help their children learn to read vital and necessary documents for living, tell time, count money and complete homework for school assignments; and

**WHEREAS:** Increasing public awareness of literacy rates can alleviate illiteracy, while also supporting and strengthening workplace, school, and volunteer literacy programs in Bibb County, the state and national levels; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1990, the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and the Georgia Council on Adult Literacy (GCAL) created the Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) as a mean for a community to establish a non-profit collaborative to promote, support and enhance local community literacy efforts; and

**WHEREAS:** Central Georgia Technical College-Adult Education Division, Bibb County School District and Macon Bibb County government, under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Brenda Brown and Dr. Wanda West, are currently seeking the aforementioned designation in Macon Bibb County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lester M. Miller, Mayor of Macon Bibb County, do hereby proclaim September 2021, as:

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in Macon Bibb County and encourage all citizens to learn about the valuable resources available to them to improve literacy, regardless of their age.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Consolidated Government to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_day of September 2021.