



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Dyslexia is a language-based neurological learning disability characterized by difficulties with word recognition and decoding (reading), writing, and spelling, and may result in poor reading comprehension, vocabulary, and background knowledge; and
- WHEREAS: Dyslexia results from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction; and
- WHEREAS: When dyslexia is not identified early, the emotional and social costs to individuals and the economic costs to society are significant; and
- WHEREAS: Effective research-based methodologies exist that focus on five essential components of reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Through these instructional approaches, the majority of learners, regardless of age, will learn to read proficiently; and
- WHEREAS: All Minnesotans have a right to learn to read proficiently, reach their full potential, and contribute to society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 2011, as:

## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE