



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, AN ESTIMATED 10-15 PERCENT OF AMERICANS ARE AFFECTED BY DYSLEXIA, A LANGUAGE BASED DISORDER; AND

WHEREAS, DYSLEXIA IS CHARACTERIZED BY DIFFICULTIES WITH SINGLE WORD DECODING AND DEEPLY AFFECTS A PERSON'S ABILITY TO READ, WRITE, AND SPELL; AND

WHEREAS, DYSLEXIA MAY ALSO CAUSE PROBLEMS IN PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER, FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS, AND DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHT; AND

WHEREAS, WITH PROPER DIAGNOSIS, APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION, HARD WORK AND SUPPORT FROM THEIR FAMILIES, TEACHERS, AND FRIENDS, INDIVIDUALS WITH DYSLEXIA CAN EXCEL IN SCHOOL AND LATER AS WORKING ADULTS; AND

WHEREAS, IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DYSLEXIA, THE INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION IS DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS "DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH;"

NOW, THEREFORE I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2011 AS

"DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; AND ENCOURAGE ALL NEW MEXICANS TO OFFER SUPPORT TO THOSE AFFECTED BY DYSLEXIA AND TO RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF THOSE WHO ARE WORKING TO ASSIST THEM.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

Handwritten signature of Susana Martinez in cursive.

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Dianna J. Duran in cursive.

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

