

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon is committed to equal educational opportunities by identifying obstacles to educational advancement and endeavoring to remove those obstacles; and
- WHEREAS:** Dyslexia, often inherited, is a neurological condition that makes it difficult to read, write and spell; and may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience, which can impede vocabulary growth and acquisition of knowledge; and
- WHEREAS:** Dyslexia affects all segments of society, regardless of race, income, educational background or ability; and
- WHEREAS:** Literacy is a critical skill needed for educational success and students who do not read at grade level by third grade are four times more likely not to graduate from high school with a diploma; and
- WHEREAS:** Research conducted by the National Institutes of Health indicates that as many as one in every five individuals struggle with dyslexia and related learning disabilities. In Oregon this equates to approximately 112,700 public school students, of whom only about 21,500 receive special education instruction. The remaining 91,200 students are undiagnosed; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians will benefit from increased awareness about the nature of dyslexia and the early warning signs of dyslexia; and
- WHEREAS:** Teachers and students across the state of Oregon will benefit from increased educator training on dyslexia and the evidence-based teaching strategies designed for students with dyslexia.
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2014** to be

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 26, 2014.



John A. Kitzhaber
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State