



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, an estimated one-fifth of Americans are affected by dyslexia, a language based disorder, which is characterized by dyslexia with single word decoding; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia can affect a person's ability to read, write, and spell as well as a person's ability to put things in order, follow instructions, and differentiate 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, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do proclaim the month of October 2011, as

## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 27th day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State