



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Dyslexia is a language-based, neurological learning disability characterized by difficulties with word recognition and reading, writing, and spelling, which may result in poor reading comprehension and vocabulary abilities; and
- WHEREAS: The presence of dyslexia is often unanticipated in relation to other cognitive abilities; and
- WHEREAS: When dyslexia is not identified early, the emotional and social cost to individuals can be significant; and
- WHEREAS: Leveraging existing research-based methodologies that focus on five essential components of reading instruction, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, can help the majority of learners, regardless of age, learn to read proficiently; and
- WHEREAS: Learning to read proficiently helps all Minnesotans reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016, 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.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE