



## 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 unexpected 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: All Minnesotans must learn to read proficiently in order to reach their full potential and contribute to society; and
- WHEREAS: Effective, research-based methodologies exist, which 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE