



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Dyslexia is a language-based neurological learning disability characterized by difficulties with word recognition and decoding (reading), writing, and spelling; and
- WHEREAS: Dyslexia results from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction, and may result in poor reading comprehension, vocabulary, and background knowledge; and
- WHEREAS: Studies show dyslexia affects as many as one in five individuals and accounts for the largest percentage of students receiving special education services in Minnesota and across the nation; and
- WHEREAS: When dyslexia is not identified early, the emotional and social costs to individuals and the economic costs to society are significant; and
- WHEREAS: Effective research-based methodologies exist that 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; and
- WHEREAS: All Minnesotans have a right to learn to read proficiently, reach their full potential, and contribute to society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009, 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 28th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the State the one hundred fifty-first.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE