



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 may result in poor reading comprehension, vocabulary, and background knowledge; 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
- 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 2011, 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 29th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE