



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability that makes it difficult for students to accurately or fluently recognize words, causing them to have poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that dyslexia impacts 1 in 5 students' ability to access grade-level reading proficiency; and

WHEREAS: Dyslexia affects all segments of society, regardless of race, income, educational background, or ability; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Decoding Dyslexia is a grassroots organization supported by Minnesota families, educators, and professionals concerned with the limited access to educational interventions for students with dyslexia within educational environments; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to designate the month of October as Dyslexia Awareness Month to ensure educational equity and access to lessons in literacy to meet the specific needs of the students who struggle with dyslexia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE