

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the International Dyslexia Association defines dyslexia as a neurological learning disability that results in people having difficulty with specific language skills including reading, spelling, writing and comprehension; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia affects how an individual processes language and does not indicate a lack of intelligence; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 15-20 percent of the American population, including as many as 284,000 residents of the State of Hawai'i, have some symptoms of dyslexia or other reading disability; and

**WHEREAS**, early identification and intervention are key to helping children with dyslexia succeed in school and throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (HIDA), incorporated in 1986, is a dedicated group of teachers, private tutors, parents, individuals with dyslexia, advocates, psychologists, business owners, physicians and others who have dealt with learning disability issues throughout the state; and

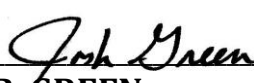
**WHEREAS**, the mission of the HIDA is to increase awareness of dyslexia in our community, provide support for educators, families and individuals with dyslexia, promote teacher training, and improve literacy for struggling readers;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as**

## **“DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of early diagnosis and intervention for children identified with this learning disability and celebrating the many accomplishments of those living with dyslexia.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of September 2019.

  
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**JOSHUA B. GREEN**  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i