

Proclamation

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a learning disability that results in difficulty with spelling, reading comprehension, and learning in the classroom; and

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

WHEREAS, undiagnosed cases of dyslexia and unaccommodating learning environments can prevent people with dyslexia from achieving his or her full potential; and

WHEREAS, early identification and intervention are key to helping dyslexic people succeed in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, about 15–20 percent of the nation’s population, including over 280,000 residents of the State of Hawai’i, have dyslexia or another reading disability; and


WHEREAS, the Hawai’i branch of the International Dyslexia Association is dedicated to increasing awareness of dyslexia in our community, providing support for individuals with dyslexia, families and educators, promoting teacher training, and improving literacy for struggling readers;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai’i, do hereby proclaim October 2020 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 the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai’i, this ninth day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai’i