



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Dyslexia is a learning disability that is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition, poor spelling, and issues with decoding abilities. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and
- WHEREAS: Research shows that a child who finishes second grade without being able to read has only a one in four chance to read at grade level by the end of elementary school. If a child receives help in kindergarten or first grade, that child has a 90–95 percent chance of becoming a fluent reader. If identified early, a learning disability can be treated and the majority of children with learning disabilities will have the opportunity to reach their potential; and
- WHEREAS: Only a limited percentage of society and the academic community are aware of how to access and implement treatment options for dyslexia. Organizations like the International Dyslexia Association provide information on treatment options and other resources; and
- WHEREAS: The most successful treatment for dyslexia depends on its early recognition. Although symptoms of dyslexia are evident as early as Pre–K age, most children who have this learning disability are not diagnosed until much later when treatment is much more difficult and after they have fallen behind their peers academically; and
- WHEREAS: The most successful treatment for dyslexia depends on its early recognition. Although symptoms of dyslexia are evident as early as Pre–K age, most children who have this learning disability are not diagnosed until much later when treatment is much more difficult and after they have fallen behind their peers academically; and
- WHEREAS: Dyslexia Awareness Month provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by dyslexia to honor dedicated education and health care professionals who address the needs of this disability. This month also affords us an opportunity to share information about dyslexia with the public, parents, teachers, and other community members; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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