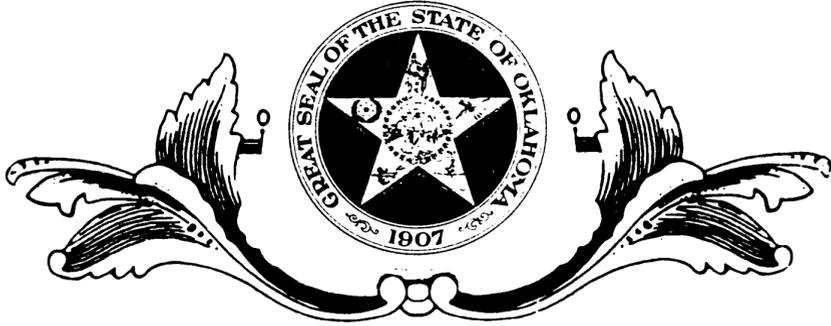


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, dyslexia is defined as a difficulty in reading, spelling, and writing that affects one in five people regardless of race, gender, age, or socioeconomic status; and

Whereas, dyslexia is a genetic, neurological, and specific learning disability with symptoms that include a delay in spoken language development; difficulties with concepts of sequence, time, and space; and problems learning to read fluently and comprehending text accurately despite normal intelligence; and

Whereas, literacy for all is an important goal for Oklahomans and dyslexia creates unique challenges for those seeking to keep up with an age appropriate curriculum; and

Whereas, children with dyslexia, who are identified early and provided with evidence based reading instruction by first grade, will have significantly fewer difficulties learning to read at their grade level than those who do not receive assistance until the third grade or later; and

Whereas, proper support from family and teachers will greatly increase a child's self-esteem, confidence, and academic success; however, it is never too late for adults with dyslexia to learn to read and process and express information more effectively; and

Whereas, in an effort to help dyslexic individuals achieve their fullest potential, we encourage community organizations, such as Decoding Dyslexia Oklahoma, to share their knowledge and experience in order to increase public awareness and work toward solutions to the problems surrounding dyslexia;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

"Dyslexia Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 18th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR

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