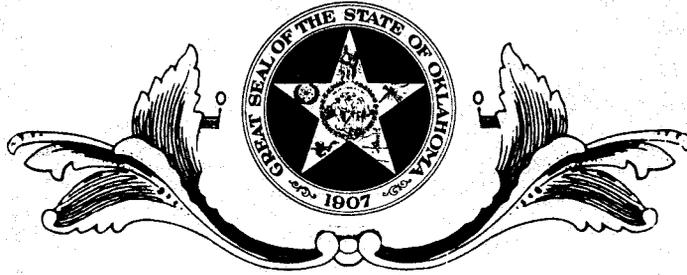


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, dyslexia is defined as a difficulty in reading, spelling, and writing that impacts many people; and

Whereas, Dyslexia is a genetic, neurological, and a specific learning disability which affects one in five people regardless of race, gender, age or socioeconomic status; and

Whereas, literacy and numeracy are vital skills for academic success and research shows students who read on grade level by third grade largely outperform their peers; and

Whereas, research conducted by the National Institute of Health indicates as many as one in five individuals struggle with dyslexia and related learning disabilities; and

Whereas, dyslexia creates 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; and

Whereas, proper support from families and teachers can greatly increase children's self-esteem, confidence, and academic success; however, it is never too late for adults with dyslexia to overcome obstacles related to reading and expressing information; and

Whereas, we encourage community organizations, such as Decoding Dyslexia Oklahoma, to share their knowledge, experience, and support to increase public awareness of dyslexia and work toward solutions in order to help individuals with this learning disability to achieve their fullest potential;

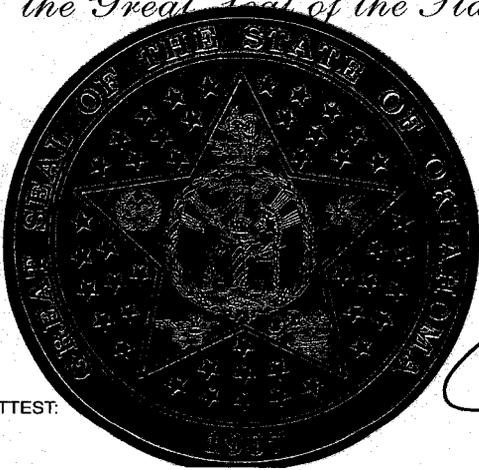
Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

"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 3rd day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.



ATTEST:

Chris Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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