STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Oregon is committed to equal educational opportunities by identifying obstacles to educational advancement and endeavoring to remove those obstacles; and

WHEREAS: Dyslexia is a neurological difference, often inherited, that makes it difficult for students to read, write, and spell; and may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience, which can impede vocabulary growth and acquisition of knowledge; and

WHEREAS: Dyslexia affects all segments of society, regardless of race, income, educational background, or ability; and

WHEREAS: Literacy is a critical skill needed for educational success and students who do not read at grade level by third grade are four times more likely not to graduate from high school with a diploma; and

WHEREAS: Teachers often receive no training on dyslexia despite research conducted by the National Institutes of Health indicates that as many as one in every five individuals struggle with dyslexia and related learning disabilities, equating to about 115,800 Oregon public school students.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 2018 to be DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, September 10, 2018.

Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State