



Proclamation

Presented to

The Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association

WHEREAS, the International Dyslexia Association defines dyslexia as a "specific learning disability that is neurological in origin and characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities;" and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that up to 20 percent of Hawai'i's residents currently live with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association, formed in 1984 to increase public awareness of dyslexia in the State of Hawai'i, is a dedicated group of educators, psychologists, physicians, individuals with dyslexia, and parents who have dealt with learning disability issues within local public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association to "increase awareness of dyslexia in our community, provide support for dyslexics, families and educators, promote teacher training, and improve literacy for struggling readers;" and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association supports those individuals who may be living with undiagnosed dyslexia and encourages them to seek professional assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association understands that dyslexia affects individuals throughout their lives and can greatly hinder a person from achieving his or her full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association believes that early identification and intervention are key to helping individuals with dyslexia achieve success in school and in life;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October, 2015 as

"DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing this observance.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventeenth day of September, 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i