

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common learning disability in the United States, with a prevalence of 12-20% of individuals, occurring on a continuum of severity, and is persistent and life-long; and*

*WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability, that is neurobiological in origin, typically due to a deficit in the phonological component of language, and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and*

*WHEREAS, children with dyslexia who are identified early and provided with effective classroom education that provides proven evidence-based, multisensory, explicit, structured reading instruction will have significantly fewer difficulties learning to read at their grade level than those who are diagnosed later on and do not receive assistance until third grade or beyond; and*

*WHEREAS, proper identification and early, appropriate intervention and support from family, teachers, and friends will greatly increase a child's self-esteem, confidence, and academic success; and*

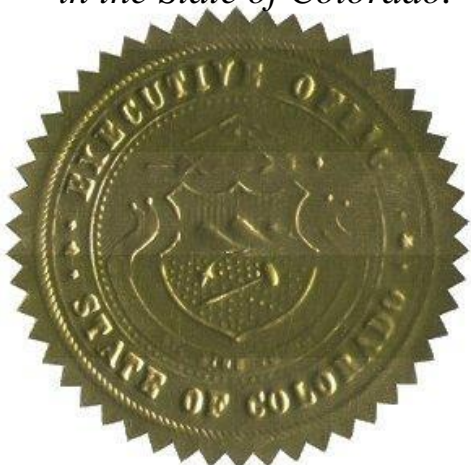
*WHEREAS, we encourage community organizations, locally and nationally, to share their knowledge, experience, and support to increase public awareness of dyslexia and other learning differences, and to work toward solutions to the problems in order to help individuals with this learning disability to attain their fullest potential;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2020 as*

### ***DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH IN COLORADO***

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of October, 2020*



*Jared Polis*  
Jared Polis  
Governor