



PROCLAMATION

Dyslexia Awareness Month

October 2009

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a language-based learning disability that, according to the International Dyslexia Association, affects an estimated 15-20 percent of Americans; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia, which comes from the Greek meaning "difficulty with words," constitutes one of several distinct learning disabilities, and is characterized by problems in processing language when decoding oral and written words or translating thought to language; and

WHEREAS, this disorder deeply affects a person's ability to write, read, spell and comprehend, and may also affect a person's emotional reactions and overall wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, with proper diagnosis, appropriate instruction, hard work and support from families, teachers and friends, individuals with dyslexia can excel in school and employment, and children with dyslexia can usually succeed at the same level as their peers once they are diagnosed and begin receiving extra training at home and at school; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist parents, educators and individuals with dyslexia, the International Dyslexia Association has designated October as "Dyslexia Awareness Month;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Don Bankhead, Mayor of the City of Fullerton, in behalf of the entire Fullerton City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in the City of Fullerton, and encourage all citizens to offer support to those affected by dyslexia and to recognize the dedicated efforts of those who are working to raise awareness and understanding to identify, treat and prevent problems associated with dyslexia.

Signed and sealed on the

day of

October, 20*09*

Don Bankhead

[Signature]

Mayor

City Clerk

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