

Proclamation

City of Palm Springs

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) strives to inform and empower families, educators, businesses and communities with the most current research-based practices; and

WHEREAS, the IDA is dedicated to promoting meaningful literacy development to prepare individuals for a "hopeful and productive future;" and

WHEREAS, according to the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), one of every three special education students will drop out of school; and

WHEREAS, the importance of early identification and appropriate intervention are critical, and often times the majority of students with disabilities will have the opportunity to reach their full potential with early detection; and

WHEREAS, IDA is an advocate for effective instruction, qualitative preparation of the teaching corps and on-going professional development; and

WHEREAS, the IDA recently reported that, "When a child does not learn to read, their lives are affected forever. Academically, socially, economically, and emotionally, these individuals unnecessarily find themselves at risk. Teaching a child to read is a fundamental responsibility of our educational system. IDA believes strongly that if teachers are given the right tools, they will succeed and our children will also succeed."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen P. Pougnet Oden, Mayor of the City of Palm Springs, California, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be:

NATIONAL DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH



Stephen P. Pougnet

Mayor