Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin, resulting in people having language skill difficulties, especially in the area of reading, that can lead to major problems in school and the workplace, often affecting a person's self

image; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Health, there are approximately 15 to 18

million individuals with Dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource, for whom we must provide

opportunities to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development states that poor

literacy is a national health problem because of the ramifications throughout an

individual's entire life span; and

WHEREAS, we laud the efforts of the Inland Empire Branch of the International Dyslexia Association and all its volunteers for sharing their knowledge, experience, and

energy in providing resource information, education, and counseling services to

our community that prepare individuals for a hopefu: and productive future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby proclaim October, 2009 as

Dyslexia Awareness Month

in the City of Redlands and call upon our residents to promote literacy efforts and education programs for individuals with Dyslexia throughout our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 6th day of October, 2009.

Jon Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Lorrie Povzer, City Clerk