

City of Riverside Proclamation

WHEREAS, dyslexic men, women and children often experience difficulties in learning to read, write, spell and in some cases, use numbers because of a neurological difference that results in a reversed or jumbled perception of the symbols that constitute our language, and

WHEREAS, without an individual approach geared to their specific language learning disability, dyslexic people can remain either illiterate or severely handicapped, unable to properly achieve their intellectual potential which is often extremely high; and

WHEREAS, undetected and untreated dyslexia can become a silent crippler leading to unwarranted and unnecessary frustration and failure; and

WHEREAS, early identification, alternative instruction, and extra support from teachers, families and friends enable dyslexic people to achieve their full potential in school and employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor of the City of Riverside, California, do hereby proclaim October as

Dyslexia Awareness Month

in the City of Riverside and encourage all residents to recognize the benefits of early identification and effective teaching to the quality of life of dyslexic people.

Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor City of Riverside, California

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