



CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION
"DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH"
October 2005

WHEREAS, according to the International Dyslexia Association, 15 to 20% of Americans are affected by dyslexia, a language-based disorder; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia, from the Greek meaning "difficulty with words", constitutes one of several distinct learning disabilities and is characterized by difficulties in sounds and single-word reading, deeply affecting a person's ability to read, write, and spell and causing potential problems with putting things in order and following instructions; and

WHEREAS, with proper diagnosis, appropriate instruction, hard work, and support from their families, teachers and friends, individuals with dyslexia can excel in school and later as working adults; and


WHEREAS, children with dyslexia usually can succeed at the same level as their peers once they are recognized and begin receiving extra training and home and school and adults with dyslexia can improve their skills with programs utilizing multi-sensory structured language techniques that can help them learn to read, process and express information more effectively; and

WHEREAS, with the motto "Promoting literacy through research, education & advocacy" the Inland Empire Branch of The International Dyslexia Association, a non-profit, scientific, and educational organization, is dedicated to the study and treatment of the learning disability, dyslexia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd Petersen, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2005

"DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH"

and urge all citizens to join in recognizing and supporting The International Dyslexia Association's Inland Empire Branch in their efforts to promote awareness and treatment of this disorder.


Floyd Petersen, Mayor