PROCLAMATION

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, in April 1984, the Inland Empire Branch of the International Dyslexia Association was founded as a volunteer organization of parents and professionals concerned about literacy, to support and benefit individuals dealing with learning differences, including dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin, which results 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, Dyslexia does not discriminate; affecting males and females nearly equally, as well as people from different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, and has affected such famous individuals as Tom Cruise, Cher, John Lennon, Whoopi Goldberg, Erin Brockovich, Ansel Adams, Leonardo da Vinci, Henry Ford, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, and George Washington; and

WHEREAS, we support 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 service to our community that will empower families and prepare individuals for a hopeful and productive future.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Hesperia City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October as Dyslexia Awareness month and encourage our citizens to support literacy efforts and education programs for dyslexics.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on behalf of the Hesperia City Council this 20th day of September, 2006.

Tad Honeycutt, Mayor

Attest:

Vicki C. Soderquist, CMC

City Clerk