



CITY OF HESPERIA

Incorporated 1988

PROCLAMATION

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, 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 in April 1984, with October being declared as National "Dyslexia Awareness Month": five years ago; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a Greek word meaning "word blindness" and is a specific neurological learning disability, 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; according to the National Institutes of Health it affects up to 20% of the U.S. population, including males and females nearly equally, as well as people from different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. When you hear names such as Thomas Edison, Charles Schwab, Ansel Adams, Leonardo da Vinci, Henry Ford, Albert Einstein, Nelson Rockefeller, John F. Kennedy, and George Washington the phrase "learning disability" doesn't usually come to mind. However, each of these successful, intelligent and personable figures had dyslexia; 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 5th day of September, 2007.



Rita K. Vogler, Mayor

Attest:

Vicki C. Soderquist, CMC
City Clerk