



Proclamation

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a common language-based learning disability, sometimes referred to as a reading disability, that affects the ability to read, spell, write and speak and is not due to either lack of intelligence or desire to learn; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a lifelong condition affecting as much as 15 - 20 percent of the population or 1 in 5 children in every classroom who struggle with reading and writing; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association is increasing community awareness of dyslexia, providing support for dyslexics and families, promoting teacher training and improving literacy for struggling readers; and

WHEREAS, the association is a recognized community leader in the area of learning disabilities whose members include individuals with dyslexia, parents and families of individuals with dyslexia, educators, psychologists and physicians; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association has sponsored webinars and other virtual public awareness events that were viewed by educators, parents and others interested in helping struggling readers; and

WHEREAS, public awareness, early identification, appropriate intervention and other support services and strategies can help to create robust futures for children and adults with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu joins the nation and world in commemorating October as Dyslexia Awareness Month, an annual observance led by the International Dyslexia Association to promote awareness and advocacy,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 2021, to be

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

to encourage residents to learn more about dyslexia, and to extend deep appreciation to the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association for serving children and adults with dyslexia and assisting our community as a valuable information resource.



Done this 1st day of October, 2021,
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

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