



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is a lifelong condition affecting an estimated 15 to 20 percent of the population that struggles with reading and writing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association was founded in 1984 to increase awareness of dyslexia in our community, provide support for people with dyslexia and their families, support educators and teacher training, and improve literacy for struggling readers; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization, which includes people with dyslexia, parents and families of individuals with dyslexia, educators, psychologists and physicians, is a recognized community leader in the area of learning disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association sponsors webinars, presents public awareness events, offers a resource guide, library and teaching plan, as well as resources for testing and tutoring; and

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness of dyslexia, 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, the annual observance led by the International Dyslexia Association to promote dyslexia awareness,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 2022, to be

## **DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City and County of Honolulu, to encourage residents to learn about dyslexia and to extend deep appreciation to the association, its partners, healthcare professionals and individuals involved in supporting and providing services to children and adults with dyslexia.

Done this 1st day of October, 2022,  
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Blangiardi".

RICK BLANGIARDI

