

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS the International Dyslexia Association defines dyslexia as a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin which results in people having difficulty with specific language skills including reading, spelling, and writing; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that 15-20 percent of the population, including residents of the County of Hawai'i, have some of the symptoms of dyslexia or another reading disability including slow or inaccurate reading, poor spelling, mixing up similar words, and/or poor writing; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (HIDA), incorporated in 1986 to increase public awareness of dyslexia throughout the State of Hawai'i, is a dedicated group of teachers, private tutors, parents, individuals with dyslexia, advocates, psychologists, business owners, physicians and others who have dealt with learning disability issues in the County of Hawai'i and throughout the State; and

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

WHEREAS the International Dyslexia Association believes that although dyslexia is a lifelong challenge, the impact can be minimized with early identification, effective language instruction, accommodations, and support.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in the County of Hawai'i and urge all citizens to come together to raise awareness, share resources, and tell stories of dyslexia successes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 1st day of October 2022 in Hilo, Hawai'i.



Mitchell D. Roth
MITCHELL D. ROTH
Mayor