



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a specific learning challenge that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition, poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

WHEREAS, these difficulties typically are caused by a deficit in the phonological component of language that is unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and to the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience, which can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia occurs on a continuum of severity, affecting between 10 and 20 percent of the population, according to the National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS, Alabamians will benefit from increased awareness of the nature of Dyslexia, the early warning signs of Dyslexia and the value of multisensory-structured language interventions for students with Dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, greater recognition and understanding are necessary to ensure that individuals with Dyslexia living in Alabama and all other Americans with Dyslexia are accurately identified and provided with appropriate services so that they might lead maximally productive lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as

National Dyslexia Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 28th day of September 2023.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor