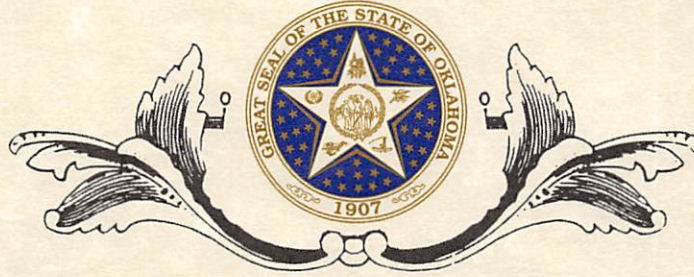


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

- Whereas**, dyslexia is defined as a difficulty in reading, spelling and writing that impacts many people; and
- Whereas**, dyslexia is a genetic, neurological, and a specific learning disability which affects one in five people regardless of race, gender, age or socioeconomic status; and
- Whereas**, literacy and numeracy are vital skills for academic success, and research shows students who read on grade level by third grade largely outperform their peers; and
- Whereas**, dyslexia creates challenges for those seeking to keep up with an age appropriate curriculum; and
- Whereas**, children with dyslexia who are identified early and provided with evidence based reading instruction by first grade will have significantly fewer difficulties learning to read; and
- Whereas**, proper support from families and teachers can greatly increase children's self-esteem, confidence, and academic success; however, it is never too late for adults with dyslexia to overcome obstacles related to reading and expressing information; and
- Whereas**, we encourage community organizations, such as Decoding Dyslexia Oklahoma, to share their knowledge, experience and support to increase public awareness of dyslexia and work toward solutions in order to help individuals with this learning disability to achieve their fullest potential;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as

### "Dyslexia Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and ninth year.*

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

*Dave Lopez*

*Mary Fallin*