



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, an estimated one-fifth of Americans are affected by dyslexia, a language-based disorder, which is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and limited spelling and decoding abilities; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia can affect a person's ability to read, write, and spell as well as a person's ability to put things in order, follow instructions, and differentiate between left and right; and

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

WHEREAS, with proper diagnosis, appropriate instruction, hard work, and support from their families, teachers, and friends, individuals with dyslexia can excel in academic and career pursuits; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee has made strides toward ensuring that teachers are equipped with the knowledge and training that is essential for the provision of appropriate language-based reading instruction to all students and especially to those who exhibit characteristics of dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist parents, educators, and individuals with dyslexia, the International Dyslexia Association has designated October as Dyslexia Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

Dyslexia Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this third day of September, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State