

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
October, 2014

### DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability of neurological origin which interferes with language processing, accurate and/or fluent word recognition, spelling and decoding abilities and reading comprehension despite normal or above-average intelligence; and,

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia can affect anyone, regardless of race, gender, culture or socioeconomic status and impacts as much as 20% of the population or 1 out of every 5 individuals; and,

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia varies in severity ranging from mild to profound and is characterized by a combination of difficulties in reading, writing, spelling, handwriting, and/or math, which can create a wide gap between an individual's intellectual ability and their academic and personal achievement; and,

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is identifiable as early as 4-6 years of age and early intervention is essential because the negative consequences are highly preventable through effective, direct, explicit instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension; and,

**WHEREAS**, when individuals have access to early intervention, the human and economic costs of dyslexia to society are significantly reduced; and,

**WHEREAS**, literacy for all is an important goal for the state of Michigan and dyslexia affects a high percentage of our struggling readers; it is imperative that we learn to recognize and to address this treatable condition so all Michiganders are able to learn to read and spell proficiently and achieve to their full potential.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as Dyslexia Awareness Month in Michigan.

Rick Snyder  
Governor

