

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon is committed to equal educational opportunities by identifying obstacles to educational advancement and endeavoring to remove those obstacles; and
- WHEREAS:** Dyslexia, often inherited, is a neurological condition that makes it difficult to read, write and spell; and may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience, which can impede vocabulary growth and acquisition of knowledge; and
- WHEREAS:** Dyslexia affects all segments of society, regardless of race, income, educational background or ability; and
- WHEREAS:** Literacy is a critical skill needed for educational success and students who do not read at grade level by third grade are four times more likely not to graduate from high school with a diploma; and
- WHEREAS:** Research conducted by the National Institutes of Health indicates that as many as one in every five individuals struggle with dyslexia and related learning disabilities. This equates in Oregon to approximately 114,200 public school students. However, teachers (including general education teachers, reading specialists and special education teachers) often receive no training on dyslexia; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians will benefit from increased awareness about the nature of dyslexia and the early warning signs of dyslexia; and
- WHEREAS:** Teachers will benefit from increased educator training on dyslexia with the adoption of HB 2412 and SB 612 that requires teacher education institutions and teacher education programs to provide coursework on dyslexia and one teacher in each elementary school to receive training on the evidence-based teaching strategies designed for students with dyslexia.
- NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2015** to be

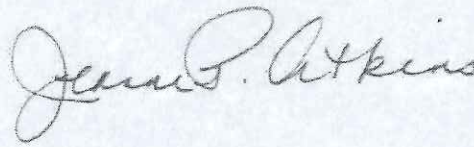
**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 13, 2015.



  
Kate Brown, Governor

  
Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State