

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
*RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER  
DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY*

**CALIFORNIA**

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

*WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health defines dyslexia as an inheritable and highly prevalent language based disability affecting 1 in 5 individuals; and*

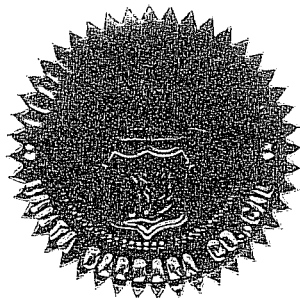
*WHEREAS, dyslexia, meaning "difficulty with words," constitutes one of the several distinct learning disabilities and is characterized by challenges in processing language when decoding oral and written words; and*

*WHEREAS, children with dyslexia, especially those who are not identified and are reading below grade level at the end of third grade, often experience difficulties with depression, anxiety, and poor self-image and rarely catch up to their peers. As a result, they underperform in school and are at a greater risk for dropping out before completing high school; and*

*WHEREAS, with proper diagnosis, appropriate instruction, accommodations, access to assistive technologies, and support from families, teachers and friends, individuals with dyslexia can excel in school and continue on to pursue exciting and distinguished careers that fulfill their potential;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims October, 2014 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Santa Barbara County and encourages all citizens to support those affected by dyslexia and recognize the efforts to raise awareness and prevent problems associated with dyslexia.*

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



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