

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2018 AS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF PAM BOSWELL

WHEREAS, dyslexia is defined as unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader and due to a difficulty in getting to the individual sounds of spoken language, which affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, spell, and often, learn a language, and;

WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common different learning ability and affects 80 percent to 90 percent of all individuals with a different learning ability, and;

WHEREAS, an individual with dyslexia may have weakness in decoding or reading fluency and strength in higher level cognitive functions, such as reasoning, critical thinking, concept formation, or problem solving, and;

WHEREAS, great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific level, including the epidemiology and cognitive and neuro biological bases of dyslexia, and;

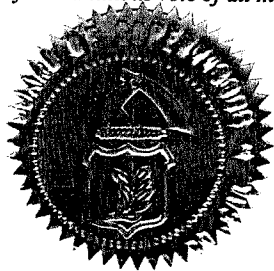
WHEREAS, early diagnosis of dyslexia is critical for ensuring that individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention that leads to the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment and the provision of necessary accommodations so as to ensure school and life success, and;

WHEREAS, it is critical to have community services available to work with, support and ensure students who have dyslexia have the best chance to succeed at both school and life, and;

WHEREAS, Pam Boswell has taught at Santa Barbara Middle School since 1991, coordinates the Program for Accommodation and Support, and has dedicated her career to empowering students with different learning abilities to have confidence in their abilities and to advocate for themselves, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors designates October 2018 as Dyslexia Awareness Month and recognizes the work of Pam Boswell.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 2nd day of October 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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