



# Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a specific learning disability, that is neurobiological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and*

*WHEREAS, these difficulties typically are caused by a deficit in the phonological component of language that is unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and to the provision of effective classroom instruction; and*

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

*WHEREAS, Dyslexia, which occurs on a continuum of severity, affecting between 10 and 20 percent of the population according to the National Institutes of Health; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabamians will benefit from increased awareness of the nature of Dyslexia, the early warning signs of Dyslexia, and the value of multisensory structured language interventions for students with Dyslexia; and*

*WHEREAS, greater recognition and understanding are necessary to ensure that individuals with Dyslexia living in Alabama and all other Americans with Dyslexia are accurately identified and provided with appropriate services so that they might lead maximally productive lives:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2009, as*

## *Dyslexia Awareness Month*

*in the State of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 29th day of September 2009.*

*Bob R. L.*  
Governor Bob Riley