

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 150821)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing October 2015 as Dyslexia Awareness Month in honor of individuals living with Dyslexia.

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is the most common learning disability; affecting one in five people in the United States. It has been estimated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that 15% of the population has dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, Of the children placed in special education for learning disabilities, about 70-80% have dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia can be diagnosed as early as kindergarten when a child struggles with letter/sound recognition, has an inability to read simple one syllable words and complains about reading; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is not a disease, so there is no cure. It does not reflect an overall flaw in language. People who suffer from dyslexia have difficulty in language processing. It is a learning disability that includes complication in the understanding and use of grammatical and symbolic words and numbers; and

WHEREAS, People with dyslexia are usually more creative and have an above average level of intelligence. People living with dyslexia simply learn differently and in fact have a host of cognitive and emotional strengths; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia can range on a spectrum from mild to severe. Around 40% of all people with dyslexia also have been diagnosed with ADHD. Individuals with dyslexia end up spending about five times more energy on mental tasks than others; and

WHEREAS, When dyslexia goes undiagnosed, children and adults often feel frustrated, have low self-esteem, are at risk for dropping out of school and becoming involved in the

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criminal justice system and may not achieve their full potential in all aspects of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Early identification and intervention can produce remarkable outcomes and enhance a person's ability to perform successfully in academic settings, as well as in their personal life. Some states, have introduced legislation for mandatory early testing for dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, In October 2015, the Pennsylvania Branch of the International Dyslexia Association hosted its 37th Conference on Literacy & Learning Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has a longstanding history of calling attention to the standards surrounding quality of life for individuals with dyslexia, with efforts to identify and begin intervention with these individuals at an early age; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize October 2015 as Dyslexia Awareness Month in honor of the individuals living with dyslexia.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty ninth of October, 2015.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember O'Brien

Sponsored by: Councilmembers O'Brien, Squilla, Goode, Greenlee, Blackwell, Johnson, Oh, Reynolds Brown, Henon, Bass, Quiñones Sánchez, Jones and Tasco