

Proclamation

Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability. Some symptoms include difficulty reading, spelling, writing and pronouncing words. Dyslexia affects individuals throughout their lives and can greatly hinder a person from achieving their full potential.

Though the exact causes of dyslexia are not yet clear, research indicates differences in the way the brain develops and functions. Dyslexia does not stem from a lack of intelligence or willingness to learn. However, it does create a gap between an individual's potential for learning and academic achievement.

Approximately 10 to 15 percent of Hawai'i residents live with dyslexia. Awareness is the key to combating learning disabilities because the earlier it is identified, the faster the effects can be minimized through intervention and effective teaching.

Serving the people of Hawai'i since 1986, the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is committed to encouraging proper training for those who teach individuals with dyslexia, supporting research into the causes of this learning disability and creating greater public awareness among the residents of our state.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **October 2008**, as

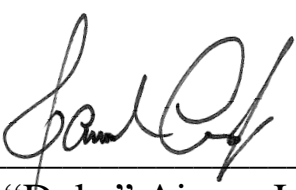
DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in Hawai'i to promote greater knowledge and understanding of dyslexia

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of September 2008.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i