



- WHEREAS,** Dyslexia is a learning disability that is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and poor spelling and decoding abilities. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge. Ten to twenty in every hundred children struggle with dyslexia; and
- WHEREAS,** Research shows that a child who finishes second grade without being able to read has only a one in four chance of reading at grade level by the end of elementary school. If a child receives help early, in kindergarten or first grade, that child has a 90-95 percent chance of becoming a fluent reader. If identified early, a learning disability can be treated and the majority of children with learning disabilities will have the opportunity to reach their potential; and
- WHEREAS,** Only a limited percentage of society and the academic community are aware of how to access and implement treatment options for dyslexia. Such options can be found through organizations like the International Dyslexia Association; and
- WHEREAS,** The most successful treatment for dyslexia depends on its early recognition. Although symptoms of dyslexia are evident as early as Pre-K age, most children who have this learning disability are not diagnosed until much later when treatment is much more difficult and after they have fallen behind their peers academically; and
- WHEREAS,** Dyslexia Awareness Month provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by dyslexia to honor dedicated education and health care professionals who address the needs of this disability. This month also affords us an opportunity to share information with the public, parents, teachers and all others about dyslexia; now

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017 AS
DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in McKinney, Texas, and encourage our citizens to increase awareness, education, and services for the recognition and treatment of dyslexia for the thousands of dyslexic children and adults in our state.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

George C. Fuller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandy Hart, City Secretary