

- **WHEREAS**, Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability that affects approximately 1 in 5 people, regardless of race, gender, age, or socioeconomic status, and is identifiable at age 5, with 92% accuracy; and
- **WHEREAS**, Neurological in origin, dyslexia affects the way the brain processes information and is characterized by difficulties with reading, writing, and spelling despite normal intelligence; and
- **WHEREAS**, those with dyslexia benefit greatly from specialized assistance from highly trained teachers, multi-sensory learning programs and individualized instructions; and
- **WHEREAS**, Early identification, alternative instruction and extra support from friends, family, and teachers can contribute to the success dyslexic students enjoy in the classroom, in life and, later on, in employment; and
- WHEREAS, We applaud the many efforts the McKinney Independent School District and Discovering Dyslexia Collin County have made to help students with dyslexia become successful in their current education and future careers; 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

THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2018 AS

## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in McKinney, Texas, and urge all citizens to take the initiative to increase public awareness in our community to educate, identify and support those with dyslexia.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

ATTEST:	George C. Fuller, Mayor
Empress Drane, City Secretary	