

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a language-based learning disability which often limits a student's ability to succeed in a traditional classroom setting; and

WHEREAS, neurological in origin, dyslexia affects the way the brain processes information and is a leading cause of difficulties with reading, writing, and spelling; and

WHEREAS, special education opportunities, including highly-trained teachers, multi-sensory learning programs, and individualized instruction, are vital to a dyslexic person's future success; and

WHEREAS, early identification, alternative instruction, and extra support from teachers, families, and friends enable dyslexic students to achieve in school and excel in later employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the benefits of early identification and effective teaching to the quality of life of dyslexic students.