

## **Dyslexia Awareness Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Oregon is committed to building an equitable and social and emotionally supportive learning environment for students, including identifying and removing obstacles to student success; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a neurological difference, often inherited, that makes it difficult for students to read, write, and spell, and that may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience, which can impede vocabulary growth and acquisition of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia affects all segments of society, regardless of race, income, educational background, or ability; and

WHEREAS, Literacy is a critical skill needed for educational success, and students who do not read at grade level by third grade are four times more likely not to graduate from high school with a diploma; and

WHEREAS, Teacher graduates often receive no training on dyslexia despite research conducted by the National Institutes of Health indicating that as many as one in every five individuals struggle with dyslexia and related learning disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Wilsonville, do hereby October 2023 to be Dyslexia Awareness Month in Oregon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Wilsonville, Oregon to be affixed.

Dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023.

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Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor