

Proclaiming October 2015 As Dyslexia Awareness Month In Ulster County

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Litts and Provenzano)

Legislator Herbert Litts, III and Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Donaldson, Fabiano, Gerentine, Greene, Gregorius, Lopez, Loughran, Maio, Maloney, J. Parete, R. Parete, Provenzano, Roberts, Rodriguez, Ronk, Wawro and Wishnick offer the following:

WHEREAS, October is recognized as National Dyslexia Awareness Month by the National Institute for Learning Development; and

WHEREAS, the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Board of Directors and the Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) define dyslexia as difficulties with accurate and / or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities typically resulting from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and

WHEREAS, people with dyslexia often have average to superior intelligence with many gifted in math, science, fine arts, journalism, and other creative fields; and

WHEREAS, some signs associated with dyslexia include: difficulty learning to speak, trouble learning letters and their sounds, difficulty organizing written and spoken language, trouble memorizing number facts, difficulty reading quickly enough to comprehend, trouble persisting with and comprehending longer reading assignments, difficulty spelling, trouble learning a foreign language, and/or difficulty correctly doing math operations; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia affects individuals throughout their lives; however, its impact can change at different stages in a person's life; and

WHEREAS, perhaps as many as 15–20% of the population as a whole—have some of the symptoms of dyslexia, including slow or inaccurate reading, poor spelling, poor writing, or mixing up similar words; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby proclaims October 2015 as Dyslexia Awareness Month in Ulster County; and, be it further

