
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2018 as "Dyslexia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Developmental reading disorder, or dyslexia, is a
4 language-based learning disability that occurs when there is a
5 problem in areas of the brain that help interpret language; and

6 WHEREAS, Dyslexia's symptoms include slow or inaccurate
7 reading, poor spelling, poor writing or mixing up similar words;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Problems experienced by people with dyslexia may
10 include:

11 (1) confusing letters or having difficulty learning the
12 sounds that go with letters;

13 (2) having trouble learning how to speak, recognizing
14 words or determining the meaning of a simple sentence; and

15 (3) having trouble processing the sounds of language,
16 such as rhyming;

17 and

18 WHEREAS, Dyslexia can include disorganization of written and

1 spoken language or struggles in comprehending and concentrating
2 on longer reading assignments; and

3 WHEREAS, Dyslexia may also include difficulty in correctly
4 performing math operations, memorizing number facts or learning
5 a foreign language; and

6 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a specific information processing
7 problem that does not interfere with one's ability to think or
8 understand complex ideas; and

9 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is not caused by a lack of desire to learn
10 and affects people of all backgrounds and intellectual levels,
11 with the majority of individuals being of normal intelligence
12 and many being above average in intelligence; and

13 WHEREAS, Students with dyslexia are likely to struggle with
14 many aspects of academic learning, are at a higher risk of
15 dropping out of school entirely and often go for years without
16 being properly diagnosed; and

17 WHEREAS, Aside from problems in school, an individual with
18 dyslexia can experience a loss of self-esteem and general
19 reading problems that may persist into adulthood, which can
20 affect the individual's job performance; and

21 WHEREAS, According to the International Dyslexia Association,
22 approximately 85% of students classified as having a primary
23 learning disability have difficulty in reading and language
24 processing; and

25 WHEREAS, The number of people having some symptoms of
26 dyslexia is much higher, perhaps as much as 15% to 20% of the
27 entire United States population; and

28 WHEREAS, There is much hope for students who are correctly
29 diagnosed with this disorder, as they can successfully learn
30 with appropriate teaching methods; and

1 WHEREAS, The earlier that dyslexia is diagnosed, the better
2 it is for the student; and

3 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a disorder that often manifests among
4 members of the same family; and

5 WHEREAS, While dyslexia affects individuals throughout their
6 lives, its impact can change at different stages of life; and

7 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is an often misunderstood language-based
8 disability, and a large percentage of residents of this
9 Commonwealth experience one or more symptoms of this disorder;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
12 month of October 2018 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in
13 Pennsylvania.