

Proclamation

Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability with symptoms that include difficulty reading, spelling, writing and pronouncing words. Dyslexia affects individuals throughout their lives and can greatly hinder a person from achieving their full potential.

Though the exact causes of dyslexia are unclear, research indicates differences in the way the brain develops and functions. Dyslexia does not stem from a lack of intelligence or willingness to learn. However, it can create a gap between an individual's ability to learn and academic success.

Approximately 10 to 15 percent of Hawai'i residents live with dyslexia. Awareness is the key to combating this learning disability, because the earlier it is identified, the faster the effects can be minimized through intervention and effective teaching.

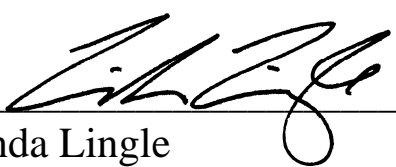
Serving the people of our state since 1984, the Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (HIDA) has been committed to encouraging proper training for those who teach individuals with dyslexia, supporting research into the causes of this learning disability and creating greater public awareness among our residents.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **October 2009**, as

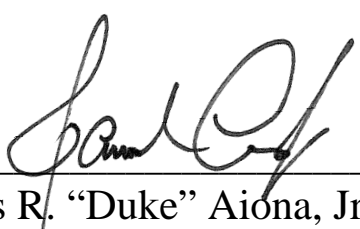
DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in Hawai'i to promote greater knowledge and understanding of dyslexia.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of October 2009.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i