

PROCLAMATION

National Dyslexia Awareness Month

WHEREAS, October is recognized as *National Dyslexia Awareness Month*. Dyslexia is a language based learning disability. One in ten people have symptoms of dyslexia, including slow or inaccurate reading, poor spelling or mixing up similar words. It is not due to a lack of intelligence or a desire to learn; and

WHEREAS, the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) has increased awareness across the country to ensure that teachers are trained in a structured literacy approach. With a structured literacy approach, individuals with dyslexia can and do learn successfully; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia occurs in people of all background and intellectual levels. People who are very bright can have dyslexia. They are often capable or even gifted in areas that do not require strong language skills, such as art, computer science, design, drama, electronics, math, mechanics, music, physics, sales and sports; and

WHEREAS, warning 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 difficulty correctly doing math operations; and

WHEREAS, parents who suspect that their child might be exhibiting signs of dyslexia or another language-based learning difference are encouraged to take action as soon as they suspect a problem; now

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes October as *National Dyslexia Awareness Month*.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2014.

Ayes: Members:
Noes: Members:
Absent: Members:

Margie Sherratt, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District

ATTEST By: _____
Secretary of the Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District