

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-19**  
**Dyslexia Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Dyslexia is a specific learning difficulty that is neurobiological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, these difficulties typically are caused by a deficit in the phonological component of language that is unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and to the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Dyslexia occurs on a continuum of severity affecting between 10 and 20 percent of the population according to the National Institutes of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, our district and community will benefit from an increased awareness of the nature of Dyslexia, the early warning signs of Dyslexia, and the value of multisensory structured language interventions for students with Dyslexia; and

**WHEREAS**, greater recognition and understanding are necessary to ensure that individuals with Dyslexia living in California and all other Americans with Dyslexia are accurately identified and provided with appropriate services so that they might lead maximally productive lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Davis Joint Unified School District, does hereby proclaim October 2018, as Dyslexia Awareness Month in Davis Joint Unified School District and encourages all teachers, parents, and community stakeholders to learn more about dyslexia and to offer support to parents, educators and individuals affected by Dyslexia.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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Tom Adams, President, Board of Education  
Davis Joint Unified School District

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John A. Bowes, Ed.D., Secretary, Board of Education