

## **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2023 AS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is defined as a language-based learning challenge that is neurological in origin and characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia impacts approximately one out of five children in Alabama schools; and

**WHEREAS**, through effective dyslexia screening, students with dyslexia can be identified as early as kindergarten, long before their learning challenges have resulted in learning disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, early identification and intervention will equip many students with dyslexia for success in school and in life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education has specifically addressed dyslexia within the *Alabama Administrative Code*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education has committed itself to supporting Alabama schools and teachers with resources, materials, and professional development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education has committed to the goal that every child will read on grade level:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes October 2023 as Dyslexia Awareness Month and encourages school systems to engage their schools, families, and communities in activities that create a culture of understanding, support, encouragement, and learning for students having dyslexia.

Done this 14th day of October 2023