



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is a language-based learning disability that affects 10 to 15 percent of Americans, and impacts a child's success in a conventional classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, neurological in origin, dyslexia affects the way the brain processes information, and is the leading cause of difficulties with reading, writing, and spelling; and

**WHEREAS**, those with dyslexia benefit greatly from specialized assistance from highly trained teachers, multi-sensory learning programs, and individualized instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, early identification, alternative instruction, and extra support from friends, family, and teachers can contribute to the success dyslexic students enjoy in the classroom and later in employment; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2017 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly, House Bill 149/Session Law 2017 – 127, was enacted, requiring the State Board of Education and local boards of education to develop tools to ensure identification of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages all educators, teachers, students, and individuals to increase awareness and understanding of dyslexia, and show support for those with dyslexia in our communities this month and throughout the year;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2017, as **"DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



**Roy Cooper**  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.