State of Nevada

Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is committed to equal educational opportunities by identifying obstacles to educational advancement and success and endeavoring to remove those obstacles without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, place of birth, physical or mental condition, or HIV status; and

WHEREAS, the state is committed to ensuring every child is supported and receives instructions that matches their learning style; and

WHEREAS, literacy and numeracy are critical skills needed for educational success and research shows students who read on grade level by third grade vastly outperform their peers who did not throughout their educational careers; and

WHEREAS, research conducted by the National Institutes of Health indicated as many as one in every five individuals struggle with dyslexia and related learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

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

WHEREAS, teachers and students across the State of Nevada would benefit from increased educator professional training about dyslexia and the scientifically-based teaching strategies designed to better educate students with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, parents and educators of students who struggle to overcome dyslexia across Nevada and the nation have come together to advocate for reforms to support their children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 8th day of September, 2014.

Governor

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy