

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 23-1639 Recognizing Dyslexia Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the month of October is recognized all over the world as Dyslexia Awareness Month. This neurological disability impacts people of all ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is one of the most common learning disabilities and is not related to low intelligence, it affects approximately 1 in 5 individuals; and

WHEREAS, in Denver, there are nearly 18,000 children and 140,000 Denverites living with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, DenCOKID advocates for school-based screening and early identification of dyslexia while promoting the science of reading through structured literacy in all schools. They collaborate with Denver Public Schools and are passionate about educating our community about current dyslexia research and learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with dyslexia have gone on to achieve great things and have successful careers as engineers, artist, politicians, and scientists in our community; and

WHEREAS, DenCOKID is a grassroots group comprised of mostly families and educators, in Denver County, with supports for individuals with dyslexia; advocating for early identification and the most effective, school-based instruction for kids with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences in all Denver schools.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes the month of October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to DenCOKID (Denver County Kids Identified with Dyslexia).

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 30, 2023

PRESIDENT

