



**Proclamation No. 20-1196**

**Recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month and Declaring October 26th, 2020 as AdvocacyDenver Day**

**WHEREAS**, October is recognized worldwide as Dyslexia Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is a learning disorder that affects the language centers of the brain in a manner that leads to difficulties in reading due to challenges in recognizing words and/or word sounds; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with dyslexia are problem-solvers that thrive in decoding some of the most complicated academic and societal challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, students with dyslexia are entitled to a supportive, inclusive environment that promotes educational progress, with evidenced-based, multifaceted interventions in order for them to attain their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with dyslexia have gone on to become some of the most successful entrepreneurs, scientists, artists and engineers in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1954, AdvocacyDenver, originally known as the The Arc of Denver, was established by parents to address the lack of access for children with disabilities to public education; and

**WHEREAS**, AdvocacyDenver is a non-profit, civil rights advocacy organization that is dedicated to the protection of the human rights of people with disabilities, including dyslexia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City and County of Denver support the demands of AdvocacyDenver that the public school system complete culturally and linguistically appropriate evaluations and implement evidence-based strategies, which are practices designed to meet the individual needs of the student in order for them to meet their potential.

**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 and Declares October 26, 2020, as AdvocacyDenver Day.

**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 copies be transmitted to AdvocacyDenver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 26, 2020

PRESIDENT