

Proclamation No. 21-1229 Recognizing Dyslexia Awareness Month & Honoring Denver Academy for 50 Years of Educational Excellence

WHEREAS, the month of October is recognized worldwide as Dyslexia Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia and dysgraphia are learning disorders that affect 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 forms of 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, for the past 50 years, Denver Academy's mission has been to inspire and empower diverse learners, including those with forms of dyslexia and ADD/ADHD, through student-centered, differentiated, and transformative education.

WHEREAS, Denver Academy's foundation is built on individuals who are caring, committed, and professional, who recognize, understand, and honor the individuality of each of their students, differentiating instruction to create an environment that allows each student to learn and realize 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.

Section 2. That the Council of the City and County of Denver honors and congratulates Denver Academy for 50 years of educational excellence.

Section 3. 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 the leadership of Denver Academy.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 18, 2021

PRESIDENT