



Proclamation

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a language-based learning disability, that affects approximately one in five people, regardless of race, gender, age, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, neurological in origin, dyslexia affects the way the brain processes information, and is characterized by difficulties with reading, writing and spelling despite normal intelligence; 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, in life and, later on, in employment; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is defined by the state of North Carolina law, House Bill 149 / S.L. 2017-127

THEREFORE, I, John D. Bridgeman, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim **October 2017** as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Gastonia, North Carolina, and I encourage each individual in the community to acknowledge educators specializing in effective teaching strategies, and to celebrate the many achievements of adolescents, students, and adults with dyslexia.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candice G. Owenby, Deputy City Clerk