



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## Dyslexia Awareness Month

- WHEREAS October will be celebrated annually as Dyslexia Awareness Month;
- WHEREAS It is estimated by The Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba that 10 to 15 per cent of the Canadian population struggles with a learning disability and up to 80 per cent of children with learning disabilities have difficulty learning to read;
- WHEREAS Dyslexia Champions of Manitoba will partner with Dyslexia Canada by participating in their annual national campaign called "Mark it Read." Buildings and monuments will use red lights to show their support for Canadians living with dyslexia;
- WHEREAS Advocacy groups such as Friends of Dyslexia want everyone to be confident when reading and writing;
- WHEREAS All students have the right to learn to read;
- WHEREAS Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning is committed to strengthening student literacy achievement through building the awareness and skills of educators in meeting the needs of students who struggle, including those with dyslexia; and
- WHEREAS Dyslexia Awareness Month acknowledges that this commitment requires the collaborative efforts of home, school, and community to better understand and support students with dyslexia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT I, Nello Altomare, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning for the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim October as

### **DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

in Manitoba and commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province.

*Original signed by*

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Nello Altomare  
Minister  
Education and  
Early Childhood Learning