WHEREAS, an estimated one-fifth of Americans are affected by dyslexia, a language based disorder, which is characterized by difficulty with single word decoding; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia can affect a person's ability to read, write, and spell as well as a person's ability to put things in order, follow instructions, and differentiate between left and right; and

WHEREAS, with proper diagnosis, appropriate instruction, hard work and support from their families, teachers, and friends, individuals with dyslexia can excel in school and later as working adults; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist parents, educators, and individuals with dyslexia, the International Dyslexia Association is designating October as Dyslexia Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October, 2012, as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fifth day of September, 2012.

Bill Haslam
Governor

S.H. Wright
Secretary of State