WHEREAS; dyslexia is a learning disability characterized by difficulties related to reading, writing, spelling, and otherwise processing written language; and

WHEREAS; dyslexia is considered to be the most common form of learning disability, affecting anywhere between five and 15 percent of all Americans, including hundreds of thousands folks from across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; dyslexia is a lifelong condition, but it can be substantially remediated with early diagnosis, effective therapy, and assistive technology training; and

WHEREAS; while dyslexia affects an individual’s ability to read, write, and spell, it is essential to remember that this is not reflective of their intelligence, creativity, or academic potential; and

WHEREAS; raising awareness of dyslexia and its signs and symptoms can better equip students, parents, and educators to address the challenges it presents, both in school and at home; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals with dyslexia and their families, along with dedicated agencies and organizations across our state, in spreading awareness of dyslexia and in encouraging the delivery of effective, evidence-based services to support affected individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of September 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State