City of New Castle Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a specific learning disability, that is neurological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

WHEREAS, these difficulties typically are caused by a deficit in the phonological component of language that is unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and to the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is highly prevalent, affecting one out of five individuals, occurring on a continuum of severity, and is persistent and life-long; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia creates unique challenges for students resulting in significant educational implications which need to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, Hoosiers will benefit from increased awareness of the nature of Dyslexia, the early warning signs of Dyslexia, and the value of proven, evidence-based, multisensory, structured, language interventions for students with Dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, greater recognition and understanding are necessary to ensure individuals with Dyslexia are accurately identified and provided with appropriate services so they can lead maximally productive lives;

NOW THERFORE:

I, Greg York, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of New Castle, Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2015 as **DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH.**

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of New Castle, Indiana, on this fifth day of October 2015.

Greg York, Mayor City of New Castle, Indiana

