## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1015 Session of 2014

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## A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the month of October 2014 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, The children of this Commonwealth hold the key to
- 4 the future of our State and our nation and deserve equal
- 5 opportunities to succeed in educational endeavors; and
- 6 WHEREAS, It is essential that children are nurtured, their
- 7 passions and abilities are encouraged and their ideas are
- 8 respected; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In the learning process it has long been recognized
- 10 that children have different educational abilities and learn at
- 11 their own pace and in their own way; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Children with specific learning disabilities such as
- 13 dyslexia deserve the confidence and academic support needed for
- 14 learning; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is defined as a severe difficulty in
- 2 understanding or using one or more areas of language, including
- 3 listening, speaking, reading, writing and spelling; and
- 4 WHEREAS, A person with dyslexia may have a significant
- 5 discrepancy between the person's intellectual ability and
- 6 reading performance without an apparent physical, emotional or
- 7 cultural cause; and
- 8 WHEREAS, It is estimated that dyslexia is a learning
- 9 disability which impairs 15% of American children; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives supports the
- 11 designation of "Dyslexia Awareness Month" as a means to foster
- 12 greater understanding of this learning disability and the
- 13 techniques which help children and adults overcome it; therefore
- 14 be it
- 15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
- 16 2014 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
- 17 further
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend those
- 19 organizations which provide services to children with dyslexia,
- 20 thereby helping them reach their unlimited potential.