

PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, West Linn is committed to building an equitable and social and emotionally supportive learning environment for students, including identifying and removing obstacles to student success; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a neurological difference, often inherited, that makes it difficult for students to read, write, and spell, and that may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience, which can impede vocabulary growth and acquisition of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia affects all segments of society, regardless of race, income, educational background, or ability; and

WHEREAS, Literacy is a critical skill needed for educational success, and students who do not read at grade level by third grade are four times more likely not to graduate from high school with a diploma; and

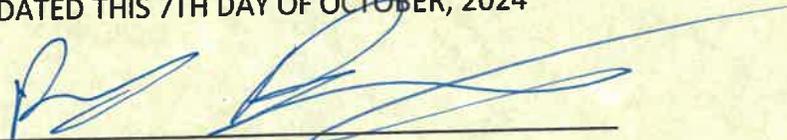
WHEREAS, Teacher graduates often receive no training on dyslexia despite research conducted by the National Institutes of Health indicating that as many as one in every five individuals struggles with dyslexia and related learning disabilities – equating to about 116,300 Oregon public school students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, that October is:

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

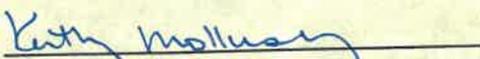
And we encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024



RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

