

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

## PROCLAMATION

## **Dyslexia Awareness Month**

- WHEREAS October will be celebrated annually as Dyslexia Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS The Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba estimates 10-15 per cent of the Canadian population struggles with a learning disability. Up to 80 per cent of children with learning disabilities have difficulty learning to read; and
- WHEREAS Dyslexia Champions of Manitoba will partner with Dyslexia Canada by participating in their second annual national campaign called "Mark it Read". Buildings and monuments will use red lights to show their support for Canadians living with dyslexia; and
- WHEREAS Advocacy groups such as Friends of Dyslexia want everyone to be confident when reading and writing; and
- WHEREAS Literacy outcomes are a priority for all students in Manitoba schools; and
- WHEREAS Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning is committed to building the awareness and skills of educators in meeting the needs of students who struggle, including those with dyslexia; and
- WHEREAS Dyslexia Awareness Month acknowledges that schools, families, and communities need to better understand dyslexia and its impact on learning and well-being.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT I, Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning for the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim October as

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in Manitoba and commend its thoughtful observances to all citizens in our province.

Wayne Ewasko

Minister

Education and

Early Childhood Learning