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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability  
3 and the most common cause of reading, writing, and spelling  
4 difficulties; and

5 WHEREAS, Dyslexia affects 70%-80% of people with reading  
6 difficulties and is more common than autism, attention deficit  
7 disorder, and attention deficit hyperactive disorder; and

8 WHEREAS, At least 2 million people in Illinois show  
9 symptoms of dyslexia; and

10 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a neurological and genetic disorder,  
11 affecting all ethnicities and socio-economic statuses equally;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Students with dyslexia face difficulty learning  
14 to read and, if left undiagnosed, often become frustrated with  
15 academic study; and

16 WHEREAS, With the help of intervention before 1st grade,  
17 students with dyslexia can learn to read and write at grade  
18 level; and

19 WHEREAS, If children with dyslexia are poor readers in 3rd

1 grade, they will likely remain poor readers into their adult  
2 lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Globally, great strides have been made to raise  
4 awareness about dyslexia to promote early diagnosis, including  
5 the designation of October as National Dyslexia Awareness Month  
6 in the United States of America; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
9 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the last week of October  
10 in 2017 as Dyslexia Awareness Week in the State of Illinois;  
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of improving  
13 awareness and encouraging early diagnosis of dyslexia; and be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That we wholeheartedly support a State,  
16 national, and global commitment to improving the reading  
17 abilities of children and adults who struggle with dyslexia.