JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION
By Senator THOMPSON and Assemblymen DANCER and CLIFTON

WHEREAS, October of 2019 marks the observance of Dyslexia Awareness Month, an appropriate time to acknowledge and offer support to those afflicted with this language-based, neurological learning disability; and,

WHEREAS, Characterized by difficulties with word recognition, reading, writing, and spelling, dyslexia is the most common learning disability in children and affects one in five individuals in this country; and,

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of dyslexia is critical for ensuring that people with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention that leads to the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment and the provision of necessary accommodation to ensure school and life success; and,

WHEREAS, Effective research-based methodologies exist, which focus on five essential components of reading instruction, which are phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, and, through these instructional approaches, the majority of learners will enhance their ability to read proficiently; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to note Dyslexia Awareness Month as an important opportunity to recognize educators specializing in effective teaching strategies and to celebrate the many achievements of adolescents, students, and adults with dyslexia; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby acknowledges October of 2019 as Dyslexia Awareness Month, and urges all New Jerseyans to participate fittingly in its observance; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk.

Attest:

Linda Metzger
Secretary of the Senate

Dana M. Butley
Clerk of the General Assembly

Stephen M. Sweeney
President of the Senate

Craig J. Caughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly