



**Meeting Date:** October 21, 2021

**Submitted By:** Dr. Mary Duhart-Toppen  
**Title:** Assistant Supt of Acad Prgms Post Sec Ed

**Agenda Item:** Consider and take action regarding approving a proclamation declaring October 2021 as JISD Dyslexia Awareness Month.

## CONSENT ITEM

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend that October 2021 be declared JISD Dyslexia Awareness Month.

### **IMPACT/RATIONALE:**

For Judson ISD to join with the International Dyslexia Association to recognize the importance of Dyslexia Awareness Month worldwide.

### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

**Approval/Disapproval**



*Proclamation*  
October - Dyslexia Awareness Month

- WHEREAS, Judson Independent School District’s Board of Trustees joins the International Dyslexia Association in recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month worldwide; and
- WHEREAS, Judson ISD is committed to equal educational opportunities by identifying obstacles to educational advancement and success and endeavoring to remove those obstacles; and
- WHEREAS, literacy is a critical skill needed for educational success and research shows students who read on grade level by third grade vastly outperform their peers who did not throughout their educational careers; and
- WHEREAS, research conducted by the National Institute of Health indicated that up to one in five individuals may struggle with Dyslexia and related learning disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities with consequences that include problems in reading comprehension; and
- WHEREAS, Judson ISD encourages our families to join in supporting individuals and families affected by dyslexia and to recognize our Judson Dyslexia Therapists for their ongoing efforts to provide vital support for our students with dyslexia to attain proficient literacy skills and achieve lifelong success.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Renee Paschall, as by virtue of the authority vested in me as School Board President of the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim October as Dyslexia Awareness Month in the Judson Independent School District, and encourage all to spread awareness of dyslexia and the resources available to our Judson ISD students and families.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Judson Independent School District this (insert) day of October 2021