



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2026

- WHEREAS October will be celebrated annually as Dyslexia Awareness Month;
- WHEREAS It is estimated by The Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba that 10 to 15 per cent of the Canadian population struggles with a learning disability and up to 80 per cent of children with learning disabilities have difficulty learning to read;
- WHEREAS In October, Dyslexia Canada marks its ninth annual national “Mark it Read” campaign, in which buildings and monuments will use red lights to show their support for Canadians living with dyslexia;
- WHEREAS Advocacy groups and parent(s)/caregiver(s) across Manitoba want all students to be confident when reading and writing;
- WHEREAS All students have the right to learn to read;
- WHEREAS Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning is committed to working with schools and school divisions/districts to strengthen student literacy achievement through a comprehensive approach to literacy instruction to ensure all students develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to reach their full potential and to live *The Good Life*;
- WHEREAS Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning recognizes that early identification and assessment are key components to drive literacy instruction, and that the 2026/2027 school year is the first year in which all Manitoba students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 will be screened to help identify students who may be at risk of future reading difficulties, including those who may have reading disabilities, such as dyslexia; and
- WHEREAS Dyslexia Awareness Month acknowledges that strengthening literacy achievement across Manitoba requires the collaborative efforts of home, school, and community to better understand and support students with dyslexia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT I, Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning for the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

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

Original signed by

Honourable Tracy Schmidt
Minister
Manitoba Education and
Early Childhood Learning