WHEREAS, each year, the month of October is designated National Dyslexia Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a neurobiological learning disability that is characterized by an unexpected difficulty in learning to read. With proper diagnosis, instruction and support, individuals with dyslexia can learn to read accurately and fluently, and lead a successful life; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is hereditary and not due to a lack of intelligence or desire to learn; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia affects 20 percent of the population and represents 80 to 90 percent of all those with learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Awareness initiatives across Jeffco will empower families and educators, to advocate for resources in our schools so students with dyslexia can achieve reading success; and

WHEREAS, Alameda International Jr./Sr. High School’s Enhanced Dyslexia Support Program empowers bright, talented students who are challenged by dyslexia and related language-based learning differences to help students overcome obstacles to learning to more fully achieve their academic and personal potential; and

WHEREAS, Jeffco Public Schools has launched a new website dedicated to Dyslexia including a resource for families titled “It’s Ok to Say Dyslexia” that provides information about typical signs and symptoms associated with dyslexia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education is pleased to proclaim October 2021 as National Dyslexia Awareness Month

and encourages the citizens of Jefferson County to join in the celebration of “National Dyslexia Awareness Month” by recognizing and celebrating the students, their families and the supports available to provide for each student’s learning.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 14th day of October 2021.

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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President, Board of Education

Attest:

Stephanie Schooley
Secretary, Board of Education

Our mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.