

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF  
DYSLEXIA**

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is a cognitive disorder relating to reading and speech; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is usually characterized by difficulty in learning to read with fluency and by difficulty in reading comprehension; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is also associated with trouble memorizing number facts and difficulty in correctly performing math operations; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is the most common learning disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, proper diagnosis of dyslexia and intervention can result in academic improvement in schoolchildren and improvements to the lives of adults; and

**WHEREAS**, a lack of awareness of the nature of dyslexia and the consequences of not addressing dyslexia ultimately results in significant costs to the lives of the citizens of the State and our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, with greater awareness citizens of the State will be better able to address the problems created by dyslexia; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to promote awareness of dyslexia in our State and urge parents to take action if they suspect their children may have dyslexia and urge adults who believe they may have dyslexia to seek assessment.