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**PIONEERING PROGRESS: GOVERNOR IVEY CELEBRATES  
DYSLEXIA THERAPISTS IN A HISTORIC EVENT**

**Montgomery, AL** – In a groundbreaking gesture, Governor Kay Ivey became the first governor in the United States to formally recognize dyslexia therapists, solidifying Alabama's commitment to literacy and educational excellence.



Governor Ivey recently hosted a reception at the Governor's mansion in Montgomery for 106 Dyslexia Therapists and their guests.

Attendees dressed in red to raise awareness for Dyslexia Awareness Month. Dyslexia therapists are Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALTs) who



have completed 700 hours of required practicum and earned a passing score on the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA) exam. Each CALT was awarded with a pin from ALTA Alabama signifying this remarkable achievement that equips them to assist students in rising to the challenges of dyslexia.

The Alabama Dyslexia Advisory Council (DAC) has been committed to increasing the number of Dyslexia Therapists in the state. Dyslexia interventions are an essential component of the Alabama Literacy Act, which is focused on preventing reading difficulties.

Governor Ivey stated the importance of recognizing Dyslexia Awareness Month in October and commended the commitment of CALTs in "helping those with dyslexia overcome challenges" as remarkable and deserving recognition, specifically highlighting the role of CALTs in building, "a brighter future, one where the power of language is accessible to all."

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She thanked them for their “unwavering commitment to education and communication” and for “being the beacons of support and encouragement for those who need it most.”

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