



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Good vision helps children perform better in school, where they read, write, take notes, and work on computers; and in other aspects of their daily lives, from crossing the street to playing in the schoolyard; and

WHEREAS: As children grow, sight enhances their ability to interact with people and the outside world; and

WHEREAS: As children across Minnesota prepare for the start of another school year, many will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and

WHEREAS: Research shows that untreated vision disorders are the number one disabling condition of children and as many as one in four children are at risk for vision problems that cause difficulty and frustration in school; and

WHEREAS: All children deserve the opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential. Increasing public awareness of learning-related vision problems helps ensure that young people receive prompt and proper vision treatment, thereby improving the quality of their lives in and out of school; and

WHEREAS: Parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults are reminded of the critical role vision plays in the learning process; and

WHEREAS: Parents and caregivers are encouraged to focus on the health and wellbeing of their children's eyes, take them to regular eye examinations, and attend to their vision problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2013, as:

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of July.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR