



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, vision plays a major role in the learning process and childhood development;
and

WHEREAS, as children across Missouri prepare for the start of another school year, many will begin their studies with an undiagnosed or untreated vision problem; and

WHEREAS, current research indicates that one in four school-age children has vision problems; and

WHEREAS, sixty percent of students identified as "problem learners" have undetected vision problems; and

WHEREAS, 18 million children will not have an eye examination by an eye doctor by the time they enter school; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of learning-related vision problems is necessary to ensure that young people receive the prompt vision treatment they need to enhance their lives and opportunities to learn and to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Missourians need to work together to help prevent and reduce the impact untreated vision problems have on a child's ability to read and learn.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2010 to be

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

in Missouri, and recognize the critical role good vision plays in the learning process and to help prevent or reduce the impact untreated vision problems can have on our children's ability to read and learn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 2nd day of July, 2010.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Carnahan".

Secretary of State