



City of Arcadia

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the College of Optometrists in Vision Development is launching their annual national public awareness campaign, "Children's Vision & Learning Month", to raise awareness about the intrinsic connection between vision and learning; and

WHEREAS, current research shows that vision problems afflict millions of American children, and vision disorders are one of the leading impediments to successful learning in children; and

WHEREAS, one in four school-age children have vision problems, 18 million children will not have had eye examinations by a Doctor of Optometry or other certified vision care professional prior to entering school, and 60 percent of students identified as "problem learners" have undetected vision problems; and

WHEREAS, parents and teachers should look for indications of vision problems in children including frequent loss of place when reading, poor reading comprehension, sloppy handwriting, confusing similar looking words, failure to recognize the same word in sequential sentences, and complaints of eye discomfort or headaches after reading.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter M. Amundson, Mayor of the City of Arcadia, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2010 as

CHILDREN'S VISION & LEARNING MONTH

and urge everyone involved in the health and welfare of children to make a comprehensive eye examination part of their preparations for the new school year.

DATED THIS
1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2010


PETER M. AMUNDSON, MAYOR

