



Executive Department
of Iowa

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, AS CHILDREN ACROSS THE STATE OF IOWA PREPARE FOR THE START OF ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR, MANY OF THEM WILL BEGIN THEIR STUDIES WITH UNDIAGNOSED AND UNTREATED VISION PROBLEMS. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT VISION DISORDERS ARE THE NUMBER ONE HANDICAPPING CONDITION OF CHILDREN. IN FACT, AS MANY AS ONE IN FOUR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN HAVE VISION PROBLEMS THAT COULD INTERFERE WITH LEARNING, ACCORDING TO THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS IN VISION DEVELOPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, ALL CHILDREN DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. FOR THIS REASON, PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT LEARNING-RELATED VISION PROBLEMS IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE THE PROMPT VISION TREATMENT THEY NEED TO ENHANCE THEIR LIVES; AND


WHEREAS, PARENTS, EDUCATORS, SCHOOL NURSES AND ALL CONCERNED ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL ROLE GOOD VISION PLAYS IN THE LEARNING PROCESS AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP PREVENT OR REDUCE THE IMPACT UNTREATED VISION PROBLEMS CAN HAVE ON OUR CHILDREN'S ABILITY TO READ AND LEARN:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 2010 AS


CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

IN IOWA, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD VISION TO LEARNING.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA
TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
18TH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN.

CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE