

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, children across the State of Mississippi prepare for the start of another school year, many of them will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that vision disorders are the number one handicapping condition of children; and

**WHEREAS**, 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.

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, I encourage parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim August 2010, as

## ***CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH***

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Haley Barbour".

HALEY BARBOUR  
GOVERNOR