

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

**WHEREAS**, studies show that sixty percent of students that have been identified as 'problem learners' have undiagnosed vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of learning-related vision problems is necessary to ensure that children receive the proper vision treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, prompt vision treatment can help to enhance children's lives by allowing for more opportunities to learn and achieve their full potential; and

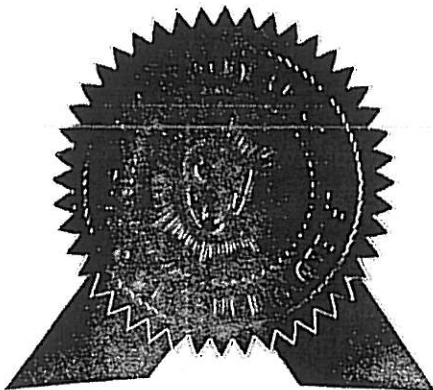
**WHEREAS**, citizens need to work together to help prevent and reduce the impact untreated vision problems have on a child's ability to read and learn.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James E. O'Neal, Mayor of the City of Springfield, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2010 to be

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and encourage all citizens to join with me in recognizing the importance of pursuing prompt vision treatment for all children in the community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the city of Springfield, Missouri, to be affixed this twenty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.



*James E. O'Neal*  
James E. O'Neal, Mayor

