

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Sean Parnell, Governor*

WHEREAS, healthy vision and good eyesight are important elements in the overall quality of life and education for all our children; and

WHEREAS, as children begin a new school year, we have the opportunity to eliminate barriers to their success and provide the opportunity to achieve; and

WHEREAS, problems with a child's vision can lead to learning difficulties; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that children's vision is checked is one way to prepare them to thrive; and

WHEREAS, early testing and regular check-ups can prevent years of struggling in school for children with undiagnosed vision problems; and

WHEREAS, vision-related problems can be mistaken for dyslexia, ADD, ADHD, and learning disabilities, making it important for parents and teachers to recognize the signs of a learning problem and determine an accurate diagnosis; and

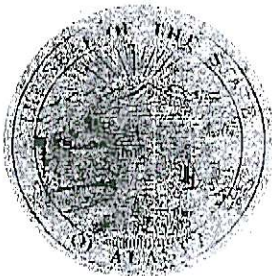
WHEREAS, our children are Alaska's future, and giving them the opportunity to do the best they can in school, makes for a better and brighter future for all Alaskans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim August 2009 as:

Children's Vision and Learning Month

in Alaska, and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of healthy vision to our children's learning.

Dated: July 31, 2009



Sean Parnell

Sean Parnell, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.