

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

\* CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH \*

**WHEREAS**, at this time children across the state of Arizona are preparing to start a new school year, many of them will begin their studies with undiagnosed vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, as many as one in four children have vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve the opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential, and efforts to increase public awareness about learning-related vision problems are beneficial to ensuring that children receive proper vision treatment needed to improve the quality of their lives in and out of school; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults are reminded of the critical role vision plays in the learning process and to take steps to diminish the harmful effects that untreated vision problems can have on their ability to read and learn; and

**WHEREAS**, good vision skills help children perform better not only in school where they read, write, and work on computers, but in all other aspects of their daily lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 2009 as

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and urge all citizens to join in supporting the worthy goals of this month long observance by focusing on children's eye care by taking them for annual eye examinations and attending to their vision needs.

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



*Janice K. Brewer*  
GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-second day of July in the year Two Thousand and Nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth.

**ATTEST:**

*Klu Bennett*

Secretary of State