

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: ALL ACROSS AMERICA, CHILDREN HAVE HAD THEIR CHANCES AT LEARNING NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY VISION PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH MORE THAN ONE OUT OF FOUR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE VISION IMPAIRMENTS, 18 MILLION YOUNG AMERICANS DO NOT RECEIVE EYE EXAMINATIONS BEFORE ENTERING SCHOOL. EVEN AS NEW YORK CITY'S SCHOOLS HAVE EXPERIENCED A 40% INCREASE IN THE GRADUATION RATE OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, TOO MANY STUDENTS ARE STILL DISADVANTAGED BY VISION PROBLEMS THAT PREVENT THEM FROM GAINING THE FULL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY EDUCATION.

WHEREAS: THAT IS WHY WE ARE PROUD TO JOIN THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS IN VISION DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATING PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN GOOD VISION AND THE LEARNING PROCESS. THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE ARE COMMITTED TO ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO RECEIVE EARLY AND REGULAR VISION SCREENINGS AND TO WEAR THEIR PRESCRIBED GLASSES. COVD'S EFFORTS ARE CRUCIAL TO THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE DIAGNOSTIC AND CORRECTIVE SOLUTIONS THAT GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROFOUNDLY BETTER THEIR ACCESS TO EDUCATION.

WHEREAS: OUR ADMINISTRATION IS DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT ALL OF NEW YORK'S CHILDREN HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEARN, GROW, AND REALIZE THEIR DREAMS. WITH ONLY A MONTH LEFT BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, CITY RESIDENTS SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAMS AND TO SCHEDULE EXAMS FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES. TOGETHER, THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS IN VISION DEVELOPMENT CAN HELP YOUNG NEW YORKERS SEE BETTER FUTURES.

THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 2011 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH"



Michael R. Bloomberg
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.