

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH August 2011

WHEREAS, As children across Pennsylvania prepare for a new school year, many of them will start the year at a disadvantage because of undiagnosed or untreated vision problems; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Public Health Association, 25 percent of students in grades K-6 have visual problems that are serious enough to impede learning; and

WHEREAS, undiagnosed vision problems can cause otherwise high-functioning students to perform below their ability level, which may lead to misdiagnoses of learning disabilities and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, early identification and treatment of vision problems can prevent lost educational opportunities during critical years of development and give students greater confidence in their own abilities to achieve; and

WHEREAS, parents, educators and school health professionals are all partners in an effort to better understand, identify and treat vision problems in students early in their academic careers.

THEREFORE, In recognition of the importance of good vision to learning success, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim August 2011 as CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH. I encourage everyone dedicated to the health and success of our children to learn more about identifying and treating vision problems among our Commonwealth's students.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-eighth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-sixth.



Tom Corbett
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Governor