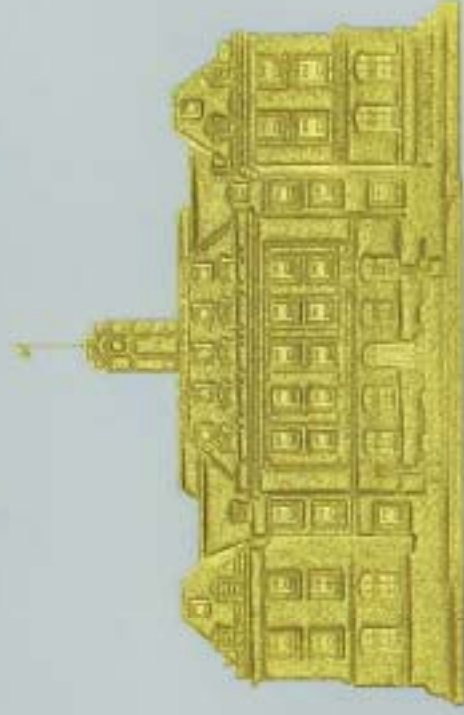


# Proclamation



*Whereas: Our children are our future and our most precious natural resource, and they deserve the opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential to become successful adults; and*

*Whereas: As children across Staten Island prepare for the start of another school year, one-in-four will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems, which causes difficulty and frustration for them in school; and*

*Whereas: A study conducted at the State University of New York found that when children with previously undiagnosed vision problems were treated, they were able to improve their reading ability two grade levels in just six months; and*

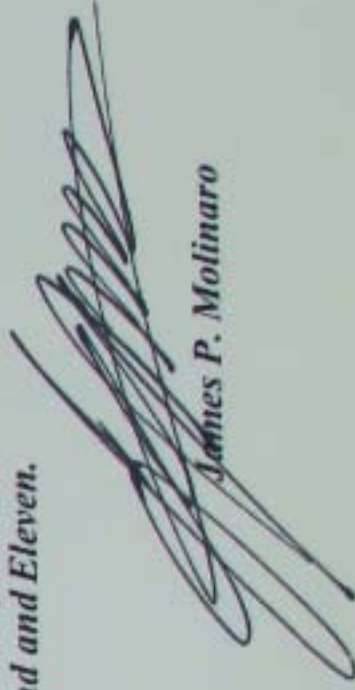
*Whereas: All Staten Islanders salute the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) for working to educate parents, teachers, and the general public about the critical relationship between good vision and successful learning and performance in school,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES P. MOLINARO  
President of the Borough of Staten Island, by virtue of the  
power and authority vested in me by the laws of the City and  
State of New York, do hereby proclaim August, 2011 as*

## **CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH** *in the Borough of Staten Island.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Staten Island  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of Our Lord,  
Two Thousand and Eleven.*



*James P. Molinaro*