



# Proclamation

**W**hereas, AS CHILDREN ACROSS WISCONSIN PREPARE FOR THE START OF ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR, MANY OF THEM WILL BEGIN THEIR STUDIES WITH UNDIAGNOSED AND UNTREATED VISION PROBLEMS. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT VISION DISORDERS ARE THE #1 HANDICAPPING CONDITION OF CHILDREN; IN FACT, AS MANY AS ONE IN FOUR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN HAVE VISION PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS IN VISION DEVELOPMENT; AND

**W**hereas, ALL CHILDREN DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. FOR THIS REASON, PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT LEARNING-RELATED VISION PROBLEMS IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE THE PROMPT VISION TREATMENT THEY NEED TO ENHANCE THEIR LIVES; AND

**W**hereas, PARENTS, EDUCATORS, SCHOOL NURSES AND ALL CONCERNED ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL ROLE GOOD VISION PLAYS IN THE LEARNING PROCESS AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP PREVENT OR REDUCE THE IMPACT UNTREATED VISION PROBLEMS CAN HAVE ON OUR CHILDREN'S ABILITY TO READ AND LEARN.

Now, therefore, may it be known that I, Dan Devine, Mayor of the City of West Allis, State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim  
AUGUST 2011 AS "CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH," IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD VISION TO LEARNING.

Signed   
Dan Devine,  
Mayor

