



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

WHEREAS, children across the state of Florida are preparing for another school year, and many students may begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and

WHEREAS, one of every four children is at risk for having vision problems that cause them difficulty and frustration at school; and

WHEREAS, sight is perhaps the sense we all rely on most and, for children, good vision helps them perform better in school, in their homes, and within their communities; and

WHEREAS, parents, educators, and school nurses need to recognize the critical role that good vision plays in the learning process; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to help prevent and reduce the impact untreated vision problems can have on our children's ability to read and learn;

WHEREAS, more public awareness information about learning-related vision problems serves to remind parents and guardians to include regular eye examinations as part of a child's routine healthcare; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 2009 as ***Children's Vision and Learning Month***.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 13th day of July, in the year two thousand nine

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

Governor