



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

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

WHEREAS, research has shown vision disorders are one of the top handicapping conditions of children nationwide; and

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

WHEREAS, public awareness about learning-related vision problems is necessary to ensure children receive prompt vision treatment; and

WHEREAS, reading is one of the most powerful skills that a child can learn, as it influences success in school and improves the overall quality of life; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 2008 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 7th day of August, in the year two thousand eight.


Governor