



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

WHEREAS: As students and parents prepare to start the new school year, it is an opportune time to focus on the importance of good vision and its connection to learning; and

WHEREAS: According to the American Foundation for Vision Awareness, one in four school-age children have vision problems. Approximately 18 million children will not have had eye examinations by a Doctor of Optometry or other certified vision care professional prior to entering school; and

WHEREAS: The American Optometric Association estimates that 60 percent of students identified as "problem learners" have undetected vision problems; and

WHEREAS: Optimal vision is crucial for every child to be able to perform at their best in school. Therefore, Children's Vision and Learning Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of this relationship and better educate Georgia's parents, teachers and general public on the importance of good vision for our students; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2009 as CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
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