



CITY OF CARMEL
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Children across the State of Indiana 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 number one handicapping condition of children. In fact, as many as one in four school age children have vision problems that could interfere with learning, according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, and

WHEREAS: 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

WHEREAS: I encourage parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults 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, and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the importance of good vision to learning,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES BRAINARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST, 2009 as

"Children's Vision and Learning Month"

in the City of Carmel, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the City of Carmel to be affixed

James Brainard
James Brainard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Engelking
Nancy Engelking, Director of Administration