

# PROCLAMATION

## Children's Vision and Learning Month August 2009

*WHEREAS, Many children in the State of Indiana begin school each year with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and*

*WHEREAS, Research shows that vision disorders are the number one handicapping condition of children and that as many as one in four school aged children have vision problems that could interfere with learning\*;* and

*WHEREAS, All children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential, and as such public awareness about learning-related vision problems is critical;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Robin M. Thoman, 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 & learn.**

**IN RECOGNITION** of the importance of good vision to learning, I, Robin M. Thoman, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2009, as Children's Vision and Learning Month in the city of Southport, IN.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of Southport, Indiana, on this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of August, 2009.



*Robin Thoman*

**Dr. Robin M. Thoman**  
Mayor, City of Southport

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