

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MILWAUKEE



Proclamation



Whereas:

The City of Milwaukee joins the Vision Therapy Center and the College of Optometrists in Vision Development in celebrating the month of August as Children's Vision and Learning Month; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1995, August has been declared National Children's Vision and Learning Month with the goal of helping inform parents and educators throughout the country of the critical link between vision and learning; and,

WHEREAS, The American Public Health Association has found that 25% of students in grades K-6 have visual problems that are serious enough to impede learning, and it is also estimated that 80% of children with a learning disability have an undiagnosed vision problem; and,

WHEREAS, Public awareness about vision problems in children will continually help millions of young students across the United States receive proper and timely eye treatment that will allow them to reach their full educational potential; and,

WHEREAS, All parents, educators, school nurses and concerned adults should recognize the essential role good vision plays in the learning process and should 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, The City of Milwaukee commends the Vision Therapy Center and the College of Optometrists in Vision Development for their continued work in the education and evaluation of young children's visionary problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM BARRETT, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, do hereby proclaim August 2009, to be

CHILDREN'S LEARNING AND VISION MONTH

throughout the City of Milwaukee.

Tom Barrett