

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, as children across Washington State prepare for the start of another school year, many of them will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and

WHEREAS, research shows that vision disorders are the number one handicapping condition of children; and

WHEREAS, as many as one in four school-age children have vision problems; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, public awareness about learning-related vision problems is necessary to ensure that young people receive the prompt treatment they need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 2008, as

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

in Washington State, and I encourage parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults to recognize the critical role good vision plays in the learning process.

Signed, this 14th day of July, 2008

Chris Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

