

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, as children across the State of Wisconsin 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 according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development 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 to that end, the public must be aware about learning-related vision problems to ensure that young people receive the prompt vision treatment they need to enhance their lives; and

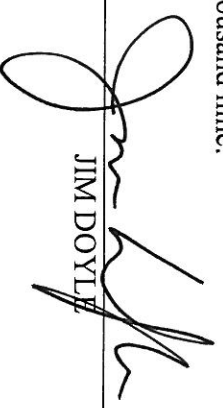
**WHEREAS**, for the above reasons, public awareness about learning-related vision problems is necessary to ensure that young people receive the prompt vision treatment they need to enhance their lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August, 2009**

**CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH**

and 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this first day of July in the year two thousand nine.

  
JIM DOYLE



By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State