



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

WHEREAS, as children across the state of Florida prepare for the start of another school year, many of them will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems that could interfere with their ability to read and learn; and

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

WHEREAS, according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, as many as one in four school age 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


WHEREAS, 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, it is important to 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August, 2013, as *Children's Vision and Learning Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 5th day of August, in the year two thousand thirteen.


Governor