I, MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR, do hereby proclaim August 2012 as CHILDREN’S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR, do hereby proclaim August 2012 as CHILDREN’S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH.

WHEREAS, a number of the most powerful skills that a child can learn in school are not necessarily taught in the classroom, but are developed at an early age; and

WHEREAS, early vision problems can cause difficulty and frustration in school; and

WHEREAS, children should have their vision checked at the start of every school year; and

WHEREAS, parents and health professionals can promote many of the benefits of early vision screening; and

WHEREAS, a number of the roles that public health and education professionals play in ensuring healthy children is to promote the importance of early vision screening and to provide vision services to infants and children; and

WHEREAS, the various roles of the Governor and Legislature are to provide children with adequate access to early vision screening and services; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State and Legislature hereby declare this month to be CHILDREN’S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and caused the Great Seal of Arkansas to be affixed this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord 2012.

M.A. VERNON, SECRETARY OF STATE

Gov. Mike Beebe

PROCLAMATION

STATE OF ARKANSAS

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