WHEREAS, As children across the City of Fort Wayne prepare for the start of another school year, many of them will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated 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 vision treatment they need to enhance their lives; and

WHEREAS, Parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults are encouraged 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; and

WHEREAS, Recognition and knowledge of the importance of good vision to learning is a crucial step in improving the lives and well-being of our children; giving them a great start towards a successful future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS C. HENRY, Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby proclaim, the month of August, 2013, as

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in Fort Wayne, and encourage parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults to support the ongoing efforts to raise public awareness to the critical role good vision plays in the learning process.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Office of Mayor, City of Fort Wayne, Indiana to be affixed this 24th day of June, 2013.

Thomas C. Henry
Mayor