City of Charleston
Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; as children in the Charleston area 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; in fact, as many as one in four school-age children have vision problems that could interfere with learning, according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development; and

WHEREAS; all children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential. For this reason, 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, Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor, City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2013 as:

CHILDREN’S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

in the City of Charleston, and encourage all citizens to recognize the significant role good vision has in the learning process and quality of life of children across the Lowcountry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of the City of Charleston to be affixed this 19th day of July, 2013.

Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor