Proclamation

WHEREAS, as children across the City of Petersburg, 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, 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, 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, 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 children’s ability to read and learn;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian A. Moore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Petersburg, do hereby recognize the month of August 2014

As

“CHILDREN’S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH”

In the City of Petersburg.

Dated: August 1, 2014

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council