

# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

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

*WHEREAS, as many as one in five school age children have vision problems that can interfere with learning; and*

*WHEREAS, 18 million children will not have an eye examination by an eye doctor by the time they enter school; and*

*WHEREAS, undiagnosed and untreated vision-related learning problems are significant contributors to early reading difficulties and can lead to special education classification; and*

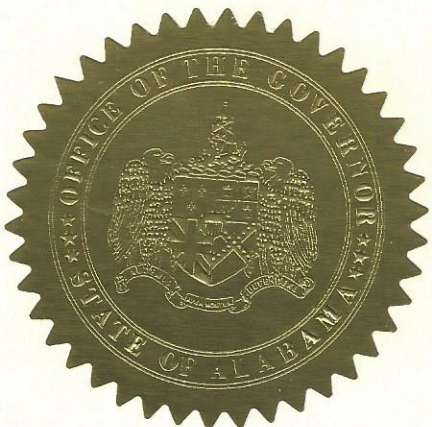
*WHEREAS, all children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the importance of education in the lives of its children, and encourages parents to have their children screened for vision problems in order to maximize their potential in the classroom:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 2017, as*

# Children's Vision and Learning Month

*in the State of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2017.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor