

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** children across the Palmetto State are preparing for the beginning of another school year but, unfortunately, many will start their studies with vision problems that remain undiagnosed and untreated; and

**WHEREAS,** research shows that as many as one in four school-age children have problems with their vision that can lead to reading and other learning difficulties, and as many as 60 percent of "problem learners" have undetected vision problems; and

**WHEREAS,** because all children deserve the opportunity to learn and reach their full potential, it is necessary that they receive proper vision care; and

**WHEREAS,** working together, parents, educators, school nurses, and concerned adults can help prevent and reduce the impact of poor vision on our children's ability to read and learn.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2017 as

### CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the significant role good vision has in the learning process and quality of life of children across the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

**HENRY MCMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**