

State of Iowa
Executive Department



IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as children across the State of Iowa prepare for the start of another school year, many will begin studies with undiagnosed and untreated eye coordination and eye tracking problems that could interfere with their ability to read and learn; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that vision disorders are the No. 1 handicapping condition of children, and 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; public awareness about vision problems that can interfere with reading and learning 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 should recognize the critical role good visual skills play in the learning process and can work together to help prevent or reduce the impact untreated vision problems can have on our children's ability to read and learn:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim August 2018 as

Children's Vision and Learning Month

in Iowa.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 2nd DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA



ATTEST:


PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE