

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, thousands of children in South Carolina 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, it is estimated that ten percent of children have vision problems that are significant enough to interfere with learning, approximately eighty percent of which occurs through the visual processing of information; and

WHEREAS, up to fifty percent of vision problems are not detected during routine screenings, resulting in reading and other learning difficulties that may be misinterpreted as neurodevelopmental delays or learning disabilities; 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 2020 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, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA