



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

WHEREAS, children across the state of Idaho 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; in fact, as many as one in four school-age children have vision problems, according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development; and

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

WHEREAS, for the above reasons, 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2012 to be

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in Idaho, and 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 our children's ability to read and learn.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE