



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

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

WHEREAS, research shows that vision disorders are the number one handicapping condition of children, and as many as one in four school age children have vision problems that could interfere with learning; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential, regardless of visual impairment; and

WHEREAS, 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 visual skills play in the learning process and should work together to help prevent and reduce the impact untreated vision problems can have on a child's ability to learn;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2015 as

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

in Idaho.



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 fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE