



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Students in the State of Georgia suffer from undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and
- WHEREAS:** As students and their parents prepare to start a new school year, they are met with an opportune time to focus on the importance of good vision and its connection to learning; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the American Foundation for Vision Awareness, one in four school-age children have vision problems, and approximately 18 million children will not complete eye examinations with a certified vision care professional prior to entering school; and
- WHEREAS:** The American Optometric Association estimates that sixty percent of students identified as "problem learners" have undetected vision problems; and
- WHEREAS:** Every child deserves the opportunity to learn and achieve at their full potential; and
- WHEREAS:** With proper eye care and treatment, we can help to ensure that students are able to achieve success in classrooms and beyond; and
- WHEREAS:** Children's Vision and Learning Month is an opportunity to bring awareness to this important issue and educate parents, teachers, and the general public about the importance of good vision for Georgia's students; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2019 as CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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