

WHEREAS; as kids across our state prepare for the start of another school year – whether in-person or virtually – it is important to acknowledge that many of them will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and

WHEREAS; according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, as many as one in four school-age kids have vision problems; and

WHEREAS; some of the most common vision disorders among kids include nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and amblyopia – all of which have the potential to significantly impede the learning process; and

WHEREAS; kids are often unable to realize or articulate that they are experiencing vision issues, so it is necessary for parents to be able to identify the common symptoms, which include frequent headaches, continuous squinting, blinking and rubbing of the eyes, and feelings of dizziness or nausea; and

WHEREAS; what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, and every child deserves the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to spreading awareness of learning-related vision problems and ensuring that all our young people receive the prompt vision treatment they need to learn and grow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 2020 as

## **CHILDREN’S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State