

WHEREAS; as kids across our state prepare for the start of another school year, 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, which is why it is necessary for parents to be able to identify the common symptoms, including frequent headaches, continuous squinting, blinking, rubbing of the eyes, and feelings of dizziness or nausea; and

WHEREAS; every child in our state deserves the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential, and public awareness of learning-related vision problems is essential to ensuring that kids receive the prompt vision treatment they need to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins parents, educators, school nurses, and all concerned adults throughout our state in recognizing the critical role that good vision plays in the learning process and in working to help prevent or reduce the impact that untreated vision problems can have on our kids;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 2021 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 25th day of June 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State