

STATE of MINNESOTA

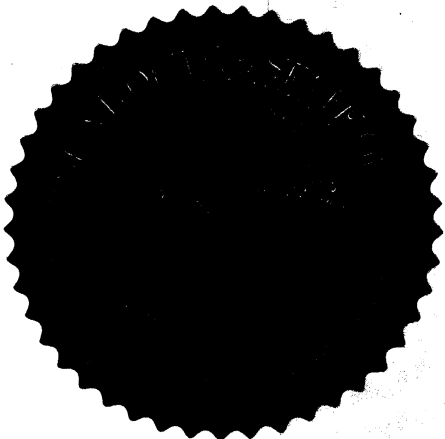
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Good vision enhances children's performance in school activities such as reading, writing, taking notes, and working on computers, and impacts other aspects of their daily lives such as crossing the street or playing outdoors; and
- WHEREAS: As children grow, sight enhances their ability to interact with people and the outside world; and
- WHEREAS: As children across the State of Minnesota prepare for the start of another school year, many will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and
- WHEREAS: Research shows that untreated vision disorders are the number one disabling condition of children, with as many as one in four children at risk for vision problems that cause difficulty and frustration in school; and
- WHEREAS: All children deserve the opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential. Increasing public awareness of learning-related vision problems helps ensure that young people receive prompt and proper vision treatment, thereby improving their quality of life in and out of school; and
- WHEREAS: Parents, educators, school nurses, and all concerned adults are reminded of the critical role vision plays in the learning process, and are encouraged to focus on children's eye care by taking them for regular examinations and attending to their vision problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 26 – September 6, 2010, to be:

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING DAYS

in the State of Minnesota.



Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-second.

[Signature] GOVERNOR

