

State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges

WHEREAS, healthy vision is critical to a child's ability to learn both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, current research indicates that approximately 25 percent of American school children may suffer from vision-related learning problems; and

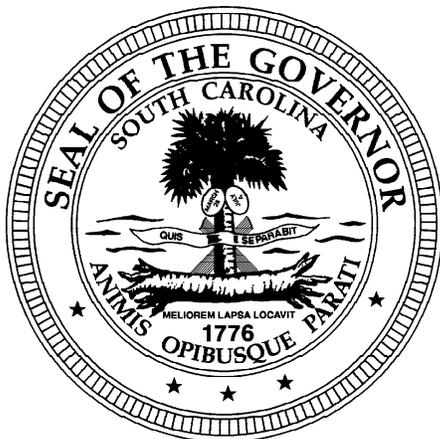
WHEREAS, with appropriate diagnosis and intervention, these children have a better chance of achieving their maximum potential and becoming productive citizens and future leaders; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 observance of "Children's Vision and Learning Month" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the Palmetto State to join together to raise public awareness of the importance of vision in the learning process of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2001, as

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of early detection and prevention of vision problems on the future educational success of our children.



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