  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

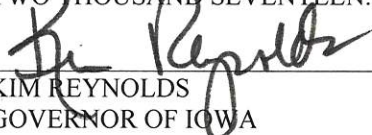
- WHEREAS,** as children across the state of Iowa prepare for the start of another school year, many of them will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated eye coordination and eye tracking problems that could interfere with their ability to read and learn; and
- WHEREAS,** research shows that vision disorders are the number one handicapping condition of children; and
- WHEREAS,** as many as one in four school age children have vision problems that could interfere with learning, according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development; and
- WHEREAS,** all children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** for this reason, public awareness about vision problems that can interfere with reading and learning is necessary to ensure that young people receive the prompt vision treatment they need to enhance their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** therefore, I encourage parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults to recognize the critical role good visual skills play in the learning process and to work together to help prevent or reduce the impact untreated vision problems can have on our children's ability to read and learn:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2017 as**

**CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH**



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-  
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED  
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO  
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 11  
DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.**

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE