



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The future of Texas depends upon how well we prepare our next generation of leaders for all the challenges they will face. To maximize their success, we must work to eliminate factors that prevent them from reaching their full potential. One area that needs our attention is vision problems, which can impact success in school, self-confidence and future well-being. Research indicates as many as one in four school-age children have vision problems, often undiagnosed.

Each year, August is declared Children's Vision and Learning Month. Through educational materials, therapy programs and public service announcements, organizations like the College of Optometrists in Vision Development promote the importance of diagnosing and treating vision problems that interfere with reading and learning.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to ensure that their children receive regular vision screenings. As the new school year approaches, let us all be mindful of the importance of our children's eyesight in ensuring that they are well prepared to face the challenges of the classroom and all the opportunities that lie ahead.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim August 2013 to be

**Children's Vision and Learning Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.