

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, as children across North Carolina prepare for the start of another school year, many will begin their studies with undiagnosed and untreated vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that vision disorders are the number one handicapping condition of children; according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, one in four school-age children have vision problems that could interfere with learning; and

**WHEREAS**, 18 million children around the world will not have had an eye examination by an eye doctor by the time they enter school; and


**WHEREAS**, according to the American Optometric Association, as many as 60 percent of students identified as problem learners may actually have undetected vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve the opportunity to achieve their full potential; therefore, public awareness about vision-related learning problems is necessary to ensure that young people receive the prompt vision treatment they need to enhance their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the critical role of good vision in learning, the State of North Carolina encourages parents, educators, school nurses, and all concerned adults to work together to reduce the impact of untreated vision problems on our children's ability to succeed;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2018, as "**CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.