

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, as children across Washington State prepare for the start of another school year, many of them 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; and

**WHEREAS**, as many as one in four school-age children have vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness about learning-related vision problems is necessary to ensure that young people receive the prompt treatment they need;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 2010 as

### *Children's Vision and Learning Month*

in Washington State, and I encourage parents, educators, school nurses and all concerned adults to recognize the critical role good vision plays in the learning process.



Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010

*Chris Gregoire*

Governor Christine O. Gregoire