WHEREAS: All children deserve the opportunity to learn and to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS: Good vision is important to a child’s ability to learn and be successful in school; and

WHEREAS: Oregon’s long-term prosperity is rooted in our ability to prepare all Oregonians to contribute to their state economically, culturally, socially and politically; and

WHEREAS: Children across Oregon prepare for the start of the coming school year; and

WHEREAS: Research shows that 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: Public awareness about learning-related vision problems is necessary to ensure that all young people receive the prompt vision treatment they need to enhance their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim August 2014 to be

CHILDREN’S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, July 18, 2014.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State