

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

AUGUST, 2009

WHEREAS, research shows that twenty five percent of school-age children have difficulty with their vision; and

WHEREAS, children of the city of Westfield, Indiana are preparing for the beginning of another school year, but sixty percent will start their studies with vision problems that remain undiagnosed and untreated; and

WHEREAS, Eighteen million children will not have an eye examination, by an eye doctor, by the time they enter school; and

WHEREAS, because all children deserve the opportunity to learn and reach their full potential, it is necessary that they receive proper vision care; and

WHEREAS, parents, educators, school nurses and concerned adults should work together in an effort to prevent and reduce the impact of poor vision, as it decreases the child's ability to read and learn.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Andrew Cook, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2009, as *CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH* in the city of Westfield, IN and I call upon the citizens to join me in this observation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of Westfield, Indiana, on this 10th day of August, 2009.

(City Seal)

J. Andrew Cook
Mayor
City of Westfield