
Introduced by Senator Vidak

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Senate Resolution No. 31—Relative to Child Vision Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Prevent Blindness America indicates that more
2 than 12 million children suffer from vision impairment, and that
3 eye injuries are one of the leading causes of vision loss in children;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, Nearly 25 percent of schoolage children have vision
6 problems, and, among children three to five years of age, close to
7 one in 20 has a problem that could result in permanent vision loss
8 if left untreated; and
9 WHEREAS, An estimated 2.4 million eye injuries occur
10 annually in the United States and nearly 35 percent of these eye
11 injuries happen to children 17 years of age and younger; and
12 WHEREAS, Prevent Blindness America estimates that in
13 California the direct and indirect costs of eye injuries and vision
14 loss among children 17 years of age and younger are approximately
15 \$800,000 each year; now, therefore, be it
16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
17 designates the month of June 2015 as Child Vision Awareness
18 Month in California; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes the partnership between
20 Prevent Blindness America and the American Academy of
21 Ophthalmologists as a highly successful effort to educate families
22 about children's eye health and safety; and be it further
23 *Resolved*, That the State Department of Public Health should
24 educate parents about signs that may indicate their child has vision

- 1 problems as well as encourage parents to begin eye examinations
2 for their children by three years of age; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the State Department of Public Health should
4 encourage parents to discuss the importance of eye safety with
5 their children, to select age-appropriate toys without sharp or
6 protruding parts, and to urge their children to wear protective
7 eyewear while participating in sports or recreational activities; and
8 be it further
9 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
10 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.