

## PROCLAMATION

We the Mayor and the City Council, by virtue of the authority vested by the City of Galveston, Texas, do proclaim

### SAVE YOUR EYES NOW/PROTEJA SU VISTA HOY PUBLIC VISION HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, Save Your Eyes Now is part of a public eye health awareness campaign to provide Texans access to quality eye care and health education; and,

WHEREAS, Save Your Eyes Now campaign supports the goals of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Vision Health Initiative and Prevent Blindness Texas by striving to raise public and healthcare awareness that preventative care, knowledge, and thorough eye care are keys to staying healthier; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 21.2 million people in the United States have diabetes, reaching epidemic proportions while remaining undetected in a large population of residents and another 55 million people are estimated to have pre-diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, diabetes can lead to serious health consequences, including heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease, amputations, and even death, with the total diabetes related cost in Texas estimated to be \$3.7 billion per year; and,

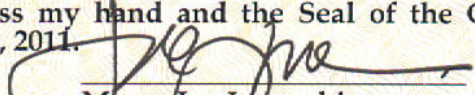
WHEREAS, many of these consequences and resulting costs, can be avoided or delayed through early detection and on-going monitoring and treatment, increasing the number and quality of years of health life for Texas residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Save Your Eyes Now Campaign was established in response to what continues to be rapidly-escalating epidemic among children and adults in the United States and Texas specifically; and,

WHEREAS, the Save Your Eyes Now Campaign supports the Texas optometry & ophthalmology professionals who work with community organizations and partners such as the Texas Optometric Association, Texas Ophthalmology Association, Prevent Blindness Texas, Eye Care America and VSP Vision Care to improve the health and wellness of Texas residents; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council for the City of Galveston, Texas, urge each and every citizen to proclaim the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Prevent Blindness Texas Save Your Eyes Now/Proteja Su Vista Hoy public vision health awareness campaign for the month of September, 2011.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Galveston, this 8th day of September, 2011.

  
Mayor Joe Jaworski

  
Douglas Godinich, City Secretary