

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, The National Center for Health Statistics reports that 22.4million Americans have vision problems, ranging from difficulty seeing to being legally blind; and
- WHEREAS, Understanding the effects of vision loss is essential to not only those citizens who are impaired, but to all Hoosiers as well; and
- WHEREAS, Obtaining knowledge about laws, rights, skills, and abilities of persons with vision loss, including Braille literacy, information access and travel, enables these citizens to have equal access to services, businesses, and activities benefiting the entire community; and
- WHEREAS, All Hoosiers are encouraged to seek and learn information about the abilities of persons who are blind or visually impaired, and to increase their knowledge about the rights and laws that provide assistance in fully integrating them into all aspects of society; and
- WHEREAS, This year marks the 75th year the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library has exceptionally served Hoosiers with vision loss; and
- WHEREAS, America celebrates the 200th anniversary of Louis Braille's birthday, who expanded possibilities for literacy, independence, and self-expression for children and adults throughout the world by enabling them to read and write as well as their sighted counterparts

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 26 – October 3, 2009 as

Vision Awareness Week

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 21st
day of September in the year of our
Lord 2009 and of the Independence
of the United States 233.*



BY THE GOVERNOR: _____

M E Daniels, Jr.