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**Senator Craig  
Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Reynolds**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing World Sight Day in Ohio, October 10, 2024.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1  
of Ohio are pleased to acknowledge World Sight Day in Ohio, October 2  
10, 2024; and 3

WHEREAS, Coordinated by the International Agency for Prevention of 4  
Blindness and Prevent Blindness Ohio, World Sight Day is an annual day 5  
of awareness that encourages attention on the importance of eye health 6  
and the impact of vision impairment, including blindness. This year's 7  
focus will be on children as well as the priority for school nurses to 8  
play a vital role in protecting and improving children's vision 9  
health, and the celebration of this day provides an opportunity to 10  
advocate for better eye health initiatives and policies; and 11

WHEREAS, At least 2.2 billion people world-wide are affected by 12  
vision-robbing conditions, with nearly half of those cases being 13  
preventable or untreated. In addition, an estimated 450 million 14  
children globally need some type of treatment for sight conditions but 15  
lack access to affordable eye care. World Sight Day in Ohio gives 16  
Prevent Blindness Ohio a platform to not only raise awareness for the 17  
vision screening training it conducts in an effort to ensure early 18  
identification and treatment of vision disorders and impairment but 19  
also brings to light the Love Your Eyes global campaign that aims to 20  
introduce affordable, accessible eye care for everyone by 2030; and 21

WHEREAS, Despite many causes of blindness being preventable, the 22  
number of Ohioans who suffer vision loss continues to increase, and 23  
eye health should be viewed principally as a human development issue. 24  
Indeed, it is a highly cost-effective means of unlocking human 25

potential and achieving many of our country's developmental goals, 26  
which include enabling children to succeed in school and empowering 27  
people with sustainable employment opportunities. By uniting together, 28  
we can ensure all are able to see this brighter future; therefore be 29  
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RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 31  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize October 10, 32  
2024 as World Sight Day in Ohio; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 34  
copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 35