## Canadian Doctors of Optometry applaud the creation of Vision Health Month

Canadian Doctors of Optometry are pleased to see official recognition of May as Vision Health Month, a perfect way to highlight the importance of healthy eyes.

Ottawa, ON (May 6, 2014) – May is Vision Health Month and this year we are pleased to note its official recognition by the federal government. The Canadian Association of Optometry (CAO) and its members could not be happier. Despite the importance of vision, it is often over looked when people are managing their health. "Our eyes can act like an early warning signal for a number of diseases, not only eye disorders like glaucoma, but also systemic diseases like diabetes and cardio vascular disease." Says CAO president, Dr. Paul Geneau.

CAO would like to offer thanks and congratulations to Dr. Asha Seth and the CNIB for taking the initiative and bringing attention to this important issue.

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