



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting between two and three percent of the population, striking without regard to gender, ethnicity, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS: An estimated one million scoliosis patients access care annually, and one in six children diagnosed with this condition will require medical treatment; and

WHEREAS: The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, and females are five times more likely to require treatment; and

WHEREAS: Screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS: Scoliosis Awareness Month is a time to renew our commitment to raise awareness and combat the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016, as:

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of June.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pimm".

SECRETARY OF STATE