



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, race, age, or economic status; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care annually, and one in six children diagnosed with this condition will eventually be required to receive medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being 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 2013, 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 21st day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE