



Proclamation By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Scoliosis, the abnormal curvature of the spine, is a condition which affects almost three percent of all people living in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of this condition is vital in helping children, parents and health care providers diagnose, understand and treat the disease; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis primarily affects healthy children, between the ages of ten and fifteen years old and progresses more rapidly and more severely in females; and

WHEREAS, approximately one of every six Alabama children diagnosed with Scoliosis will eventually require active treatment in the form of a brace or surgery; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis can impact a child's quality of life if untreated with limited activity, pain, reduced heart and lung function, or diminished self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, since 1984 the State of Alabama's Public School Screening program allows for the early detection of scoliosis and referral for treatment that may alleviate the worst effects of scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Public School Screening Program includes all 67 counties with 128 school systems with school nurses screening over 310,000 children yearly in grades five through nine:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama do hereby proclaim the month of June 2012, as

National Scoliosis Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 22nd day of May 2012.

Robert Bentley

Governor Robert Bentley