

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause (idiopathic) and is a condition affecting two-to-three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States, without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS: An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately one-of-every-six children diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment for this disorder; and

WHEREAS: The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being five time more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS: The goal of National Scoliosis Awareness Month is to raise the public's awareness of scoliosis to help children, parents, adults, and health-care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and


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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 2012, as

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in raising awareness of scoliosis and the need for early screening.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2012.



MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

