

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** ARIZONA SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH ***

WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine, most of the time with no known cause; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a condition affecting 2 – 3 percent of the population, an estimated seven million people in the United States, and affects individuals without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with girls being eight times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize healthcare yearly, with approximately one of every four children with this condition eventually required to receive active medical treatment; and

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

WHEREAS, we must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and healthcare providers understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as

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and encourage all citizens to increase awareness and education to fight scoliosis in Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-first day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett

Secretary of State