



Proclamation

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, is a condition affecting two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly; and

WHEREAS, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually requires active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15 and females are five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

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

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June, 2012,

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

In the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-third day of February, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

*John W. Hickenlooper
Governor*

