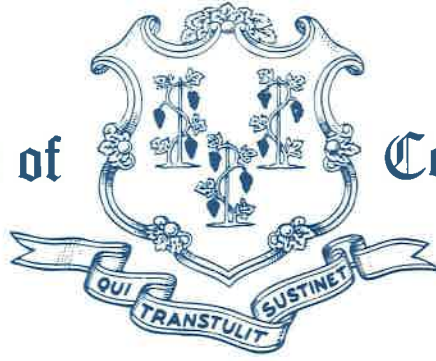


State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of scoliosis will help children, parents, adults and health care providers understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care annually, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being requested to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with females being 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; and

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim June 2012, as

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



GOVERNOR