

Scoliosis Proclamation

Whereas, we must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and 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 (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States. 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, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and

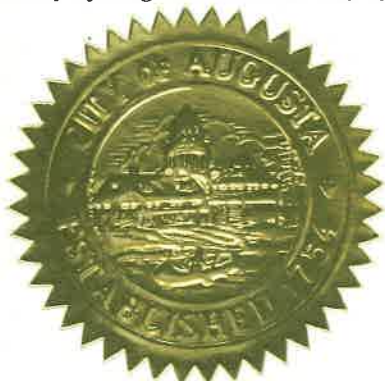
Whereas, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

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

***BE IT RESOLVED,** that we observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes; now*

***THEREFORE,** as Mayor of Augusta, Maine, I, William. R. Stokes, join with my colleagues around the country and do hereby recognize June 2012 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month, and pledge to continue to work to both raise awareness and fight Scoliosis in the State of Maine.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Augusta this 17th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.*



[Signature]

William R. Stokes, Mayor

Attested By:

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Tina Charest, Deputy City Clerk