

FROM THE OFFICE OF
MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN

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 and 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; and
- WHEREAS,** 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, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Ashley Swearengin, do hereby proclaim June 2012 to be:

“NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Fresno.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 1st day of June, 2012.


MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN