

Proclamation

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2012

WHEREAS, public awareness of Scoliosis must be increased to help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities; 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 seven million people in the United States 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 and eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for Scoliosis is between 10 and 15, 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, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 2012 as "NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH" and encourages citizens to support efforts to both raise awareness and fight Scoliosis.


SUKHEE KANG
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE
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