

# *Proclamation*

## *Scoliosis Awareness Month*

### *June 2012*

*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

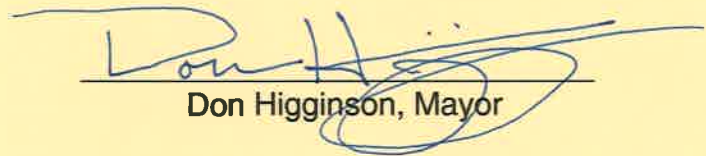
*WHEREAS*, an estimated one million Scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and

*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, THEREFORE*, I, Don Higginson, Mayor of the City of Poway, on behalf of the entire Poway City Council, do hereby recognize June 2012 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month, and encourage members of our community to raise awareness and to help in the fight against Scoliosis.



  
Don Higginson, Mayor