

CITY OF SAN JOSE
Proclamation

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; 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; with the primary age of onset between ten and fifteen with females being five times for 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 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Reed, Mayor of San José together my colleagues on the City Council, on this do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2012 to be

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

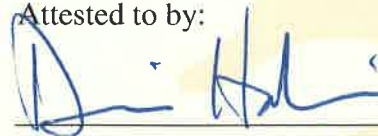
in the City of San José, California, and pledge to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to continue to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering Scoliosis causes.



The Honorable Chuck Reed
MAYOR



Attested to by:



Dennis Hawkins, City Clerk