

Proclamation



SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

JUNE 2012

WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause and affects an estimated 7 million people throughout the United States regardless of gender, race, age or economic status; 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 and require treatment; 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 are required to receive medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, screening programs allow early detection and treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of this condition:

NOW THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim June 2012, as "SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH" in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me to raise awareness to help combat this ailment.



Vincent C. Gray