  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

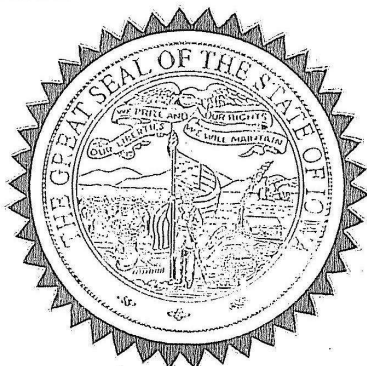
**PROCLAMATION**

- 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. 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,** that 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 to reduce the pain and suffering it causes; and

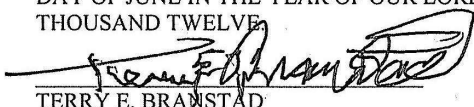
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2012 as**

**NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**


IN IOWA



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-  
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED  
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO  
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 25<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO  
THOUSAND TWELVE.

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
MATT SCHULTZ  
SECRETARY OF STATE