

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- 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, is a condition affecting 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 healthcare 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, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as

## SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of May in the year of our  
Lord 2012 and of the Independence  
of the United States 236.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*M E Daniels, Jr.*