

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, affects an estimated 7 million people in the United States 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 requiring 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 which 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;

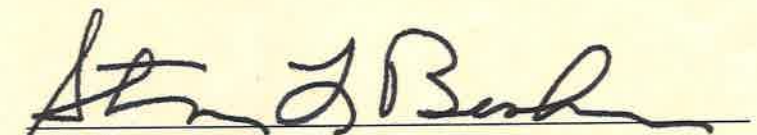
NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 22nd day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve and in the 220th year of the Commonwealth.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE