

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN  
I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
June 2012 as

# SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects children and adults of all ages and ethnic backgrounds; however, this spinal deformity is most prevalent in females and seemingly healthy 10- to 15-year olds; and,

WHEREAS, the most common form of scoliosis is idiopathic scoliosis; other forms include congenital scoliosis, a type present at birth, and neuromuscular scoliosis, a type caused by muscle-affecting nervous system syndromes, such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida and polio; and,

WHEREAS, about one out of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis will have a curve that requires active treatment, sometimes involving surgery; screening for scoliosis is quick and non-invasive, and with early detection and proper treatment, individuals diagnosed with scoliosis can lead healthy, active lives; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we raise awareness of scoliosis in Michigan and we encourage citizens throughout the state to learn more about this spinal deformity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as Scoliosis Awareness Month in Michigan.



A blue ink signature of Rick Snyder.

Rick Snyder  
Governor

