



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting 2 to 3 percent of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, scoliosis is a condition that 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 10 and 15, 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.

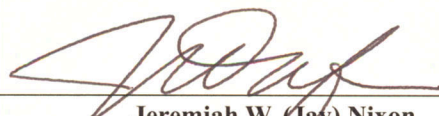
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 2012 to be

### **SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

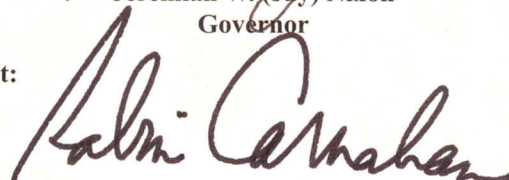
in Missouri, to raise awareness of this condition and to help children, parents, and health care providers understand and recognize the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of State