

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Scoliosis, the abnormal curvature of the spine, is a condition which affects two to three per cent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States, and the disease strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of this condition, which has no cure, is vital in helping children, parents and health care providers diagnose, understand, and treat the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Scoliosis, most prevalent in otherwise-healthy children, has no known cause but primarily onsets between the ages of ten and fifteen, and is five to eight times more likely to progress to a magnitude that requires treatment in females; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this disease will eventually require active medical treatment, and an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly; and

**WHEREAS**, Scoliosis can cause pain, reduced respiratory function, and limited mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

**WHEREAS**, we observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the disease, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering caused by scoliosis;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby recognize June 2012 as

## Scoliosis Awareness Month

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR