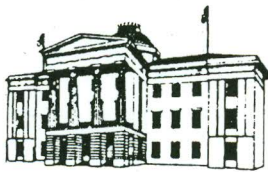


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, scoliosis, the abnormal curvature of the spine, affects two to three per cent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the National Scoliosis Foundation and other interested agencies, organizations and individuals in promoting awareness of scoliosis and in working to combat the disease through increased research and funding to help reduce the pain and suffering caused by this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2012, as "SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of May 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.