

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

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; and

WHEREAS,

Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition which 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 ten and fifteen 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; and

WHEREAS,

We observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of June, 2012, as

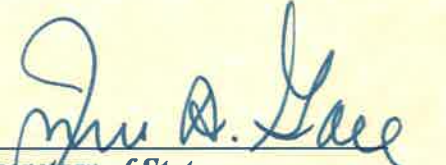
NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS WEEK

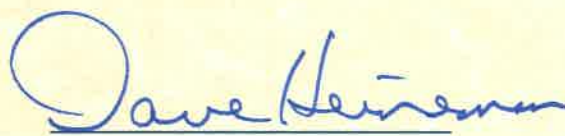
in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twelve.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor