

*State of New Hampshire  
By His Excellency  
John H. Lynch, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH  
JUNE 2012**

**WHEREAS**, We must increase public 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, is a condition affecting 2 to 3 percent of our population, or an estimated 7 million people across the country. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, age or race; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimated 1 million scoliosis patients utilize health care systems yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually needing to seek medical treatment; and

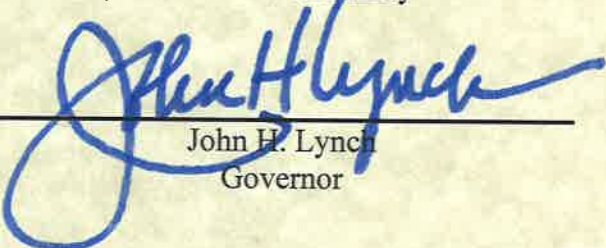
**WHEREAS**, The primary age for the onset of scoliosis is between 10 and 15, with females being five-times more likely to progress to curve magnitudes that require medical treatment; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN LYNCH, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JUNE, 2012** as **SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH** in New Hampshire and encourage my fellow citizens to remain aware of this condition, and the importance of early screening.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-six.

  
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John H. Lynch  
Governor