



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, *scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and*

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, *an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately one out 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 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, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

**JUNE 2012**  
**AS**  
**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

*in New Jersey.*



Lt. GOVERNOR

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of June in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

GOVERNOR