



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# 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 PERCENT 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**, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JUNE 2012 AS

## “SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY 2012.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

