

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## 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 7 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

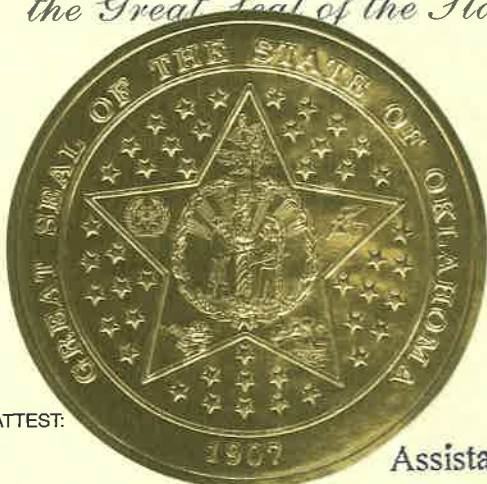
Whereas, National Scoliosis Awareness Month is to renew commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2012 as

**"Scoliosis Awareness Month"**

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 24th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the One Hundred and Fourth year.

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Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR

ATTEST: