

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2012

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 in every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age for the onset of 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 conditions; 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.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, join in with my colleagues around the country and do hereby recognize June 2012 as NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH, and pledge to continue to work to both raise awareness and fight scoliosis in the State of Pennsylvania.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Corbett".

TOM CORBETT
Governor