

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A 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;

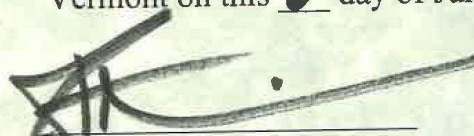
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as

**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8 day of June, A.D. 2012.



  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor