

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine which affects two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States; and

*WHEREAS*; the primary age of onset for scoliosis is 10-15 years of age, occurring equally among both genders, but with females five to eight times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; 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*; scoliosis can impact a person's quality of life, limiting activity, causing pain, reducing respiratory function and diminishing self esteem; and

*WHEREAS*; screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition;

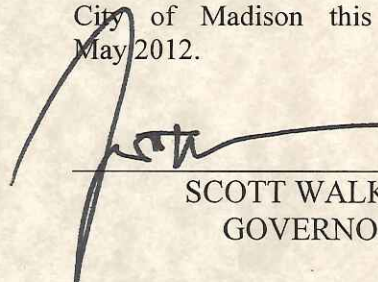
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2012, as

### SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.




IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State