

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

Whereas, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States; and

Whereas, 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, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 2012* as:

Scoliosis Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all children, parents, adults and health care providers to increase their awareness of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis.

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

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve, and in the One Hundred Forty-Ninth year of the State.



Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

By the Governor:



Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State

