

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

## Official Statement

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of scoliosis will help children, parents, adults and health care providers to understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, affects an estimated six million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one-half million scoliosis patients utilize health care annually; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being significantly more likely to develop a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

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

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of June 2014, as

## SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



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