Proclamation
Presented

In Recognition of
National Scoliosis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Awareness Month highlights the need to increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and healthcare providers understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Awareness Month teaches us that scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting between 2 and 3 percent of the population or an estimated 7 million people in the United States, and, further, is a condition that strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Awareness Month reports an estimated one million scoliosis patients receive 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, National Scoliosis Awareness Month advises that the primary age of 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, National Scoliosis Awareness Month demonstrates that screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities, which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June, 2014, as

"NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in 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 in Hawai'i and throughout the world.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of May, 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i