

# Proclamation

by

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Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

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), affects 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States, and 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;

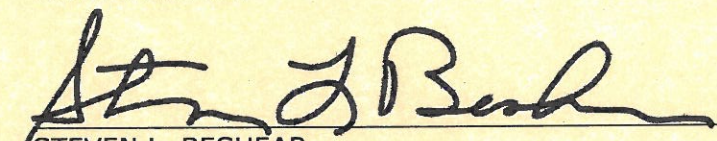
NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim June 2014 as

**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the 222<sup>nd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE