

## Bobby Jindal

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age

or economic status; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause

(idiopathic), is a condition affecting 1.5-3% of the population, or an

estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated one million scoliosis patients yearly, with

approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition

eventually requiring 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.

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of scoliosis will help children, parents,

adults, and health care providers understand, recognize and treat the

complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim

June 2014 as

## SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.



Allest By The Governor A.D., \_\_\_\_2014\_

Sovernor of Luisiana