

## State of North Dakota

Jack Dalrymple Governor

## **PROCLAMATION** SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH **JUNE 2014**

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, 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, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually requires active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15 years of age and females are 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 lessen the effects of the condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2014, SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in the state of North Dakota.

Jack Dalrymple

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ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State