

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By Her Excellency*  
*Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**  
**JUNE 2014**

**WHEREAS**, We must increase public 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**, 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 strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

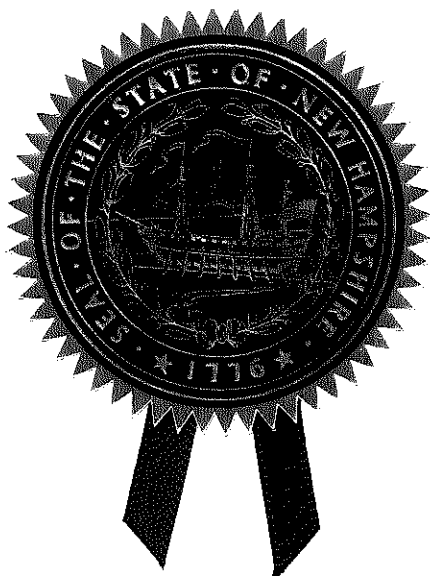
**WHEREAS**, An estimated one million scoliosis patients use healthcare systems annually, with approximately one out of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually needing to receive active medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15, with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities, which may alleviate the worst effects of this condition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JUNE 2014** as **SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all residents to raise awareness of this condition and the importance of early screening.

Given this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.



*Maggie Hassan*

Margaret Wood Hassan  
Governor