

STATE OF OREGON
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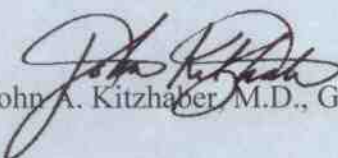
- WHEREAS:** We must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis; and
- WHEREAS:** Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 100,000 Oregonians; and,
- WHEREAS:** Scoliosis is a condition that strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; though females are five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated twelve thousand scoliosis patients in the State of Oregon 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:** Screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; now
- WHEREAS:** We observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to recognize the need now for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **June 2014** to be

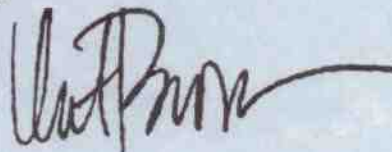
NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and commend this observance to all Oregonians.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, May 29, 2014.


John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor



Kate Brown, Secretary of State