

Proclamation



SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

JUNE 2015

WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, and this condition affects an estimated 7 million people in the United States with no regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 million patients with scoliosis utilize health care yearly, and approximately 1 of every 6 children who are diagnosed with this condition eventually receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15 with females being 5 times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness and early detection and treatment can help alleviate the worst effects of this condition:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim June 2015 in Washington, DC, as "SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH".

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser", written over a horizontal line.

