



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA**

**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, is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and**

**WHEREAS, it is important to 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, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately one out of every six children diagnosed with this condition are eventually required to receive medical treatment; and**

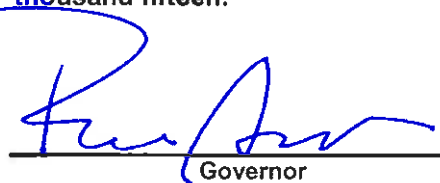
**WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen; and**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 2015 as *Scoliosis Awareness Month in Florida*.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this first day of June, in the year two thousand fifteen.**

  
Governor