



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*  
**Scoliosis Research Society**

**WHEREAS**, increasing public awareness of scoliosis helps 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 seven million people, in the United States striking without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated one million scoliosis patients 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**, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being 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 alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

**WHEREAS**, National Scoliosis Awareness Month renews our commitment to raising awareness of, and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June, 2015 as**

**“NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in pledging to continue to work to both raise awareness and fight Scoliosis in the State of Hawai'i.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this first day of June 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i