

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

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 7 million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regards 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 time 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, Scoliosis Awareness Month renews the commitment of the Scoliosis Research Society and other medical organizations to raise awareness and recognize the ongoing research being done to find a cause and cure for this spinal deformity:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim June of 2015, as

National Scoliosis Awareness Month

in Kansas and ask that all citizens join in this recognition.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 22nd day of May, A.D. 2015

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Signatures of Sam Brownback, Secretary of State, and Assistant Secretary of State

