

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- 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), affects 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States, and strikes 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;

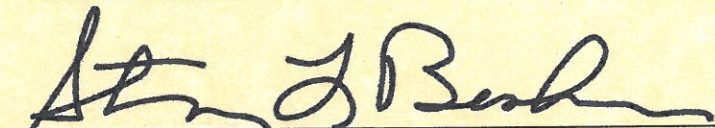
NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim June 2015 as


SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 18th day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen and in the 223rd year of the Commonwealth.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


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SECRETARY OF STATE