

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Governor
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

WHEREAS, an increase in the public's awareness of scoliosis can help children, parents, adults, and health care providers better 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 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 eight 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, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 2015 as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



In Witness Whereof, I have herunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 1st day of June A.D., 2015

Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

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Governor of Louisiana