



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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 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 recognizes the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June, 2016, as

National Scoliosis Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 1st day of May 2016.

Robert Bentley
Robert Bentley, Governor