

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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 two to three percent 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 out of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually required to receive active medical treatment; and,

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15, with females being five times more likely to progress to a spinal 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, we observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew 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, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as **NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**, and pledge to continue to work to both raise awareness and fight scoliosis in the State of Illinois.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
 this TWENTY-THIRD day of MAY, in
 the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SIXTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
 one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH.

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR