

Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, usually with no known cause, is a condition affecting two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people, in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition that strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and
- WHEREAS, It is important that we help children, parents, adults, and healthcare providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis; and
- WHEREAS, An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually requiring 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 curve magnitude that requires treatment; and
- WHEREAS, Screening programs allow for early detection and are conducted as part of a preventive health assessment for Kentucky's children at local health departments, school health programs, and private providers office. These programs provide early treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst effects of the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim June 2016, as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and urge Kentuckians to educate themselves on the effects of this condition.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the
1st day of June, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand
Sixteen and in the 225th year of the Commonwealth.




MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR


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