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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Jack Dalrymple**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**  
JUNE 2016

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of scoliosis must be increased to further 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, is a condition affecting two to three percent of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Scoliosis is an idiopathic condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated one million individuals inflicted with scoliosis utilize health care yearly, with approximately one in every six children being diagnosed with this condition and eventually being 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 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**, North Dakotans are encouraged to observe 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2016, **SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
Jack Dalrymple  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State