

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By Her Excellency*  
*Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**  
**JUNE 2016**

**WHEREAS**, We must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and healthcare 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 seven million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Scoliosis is a condition that strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize healthcare yearly, with approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition 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 that may alleviate the worst effects of the condition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JUNE 2016** as **SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all residents of New Hampshire to learn more about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and to support those who are affected along with their families.

Given this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty.

*Maggie Hassan*

Margaret Wood Hassan  
Governor

