



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, affects about three percent of the population in our country, irrespective of people's gender, race, age, or economic status;

Whereas, one of every six children is diagnosed with scoliosis, with the primary age of onset being between ten and fifteen years of age, and with girls being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude requiring treatment;

Whereas, screening programs as part of regular health check-ups allow for early detection and treatment opportunities, which may alleviate the worst effects of this condition; and

Whereas, we applaud the Scoliosis Research Society, Primary Children's Hospital's Department of Orthopedics, and other local health organizations, which work hard to increase public awareness of scoliosis in order to encourage early detection and treatment, and we also encourage further medical research, and lend support to Utah families and individuals who live with scoliosis;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare June 2016 as

Scoliosis Awareness Month in Utah

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