

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A 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 2-3% 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 of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June, 2016 as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont, and encourage awareness of the spinal condition of Scoliosis,
and recognize the need for increased research to reduce the
pain and suffering it causes.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of June, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor