

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, it is important to increase public awareness of scoliosis to help children, parents, health care workers, and others understand, recognize, and treat complex spinal deformities; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine which can lead to lifelong health issues and affects an estimated 9 million people in the United States and about 110,000 people in the state of Alabama; and

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} WHEREAS, scoliosis affects people of all races and socio-economic groups \\ equally; and \end{tabular}$

WHEREAS, screening programs allow for early detection and treatment which can ameliorate the long term effects of scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Month is an opportunity to renew our commitment to increasing awareness of scoliosis and improving our understanding of this condition through research and innovation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017, as

Scoliosis Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 31st day of May 2017.

Kay very Kay Ivey, Governor