

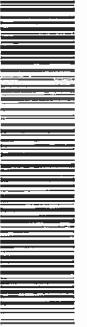
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House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Relative to National Scoliosis Awareness Month.



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WHEREAS, Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects about 2 to 3 percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition that strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, It is important to increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and to help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care annually and one in six children diagnosed with this condition eventually requires active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15 years of age, 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 treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS, Respected organizations such as the Scoliosis Research Society, the National Scoliosis Foundation, and the California Orthopaedic Association support and promote National Scoliosis Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Awareness Month is observed across the country to renew the public's commitment to understanding and combating this disease, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes; now, therefore, be it



*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the Assembly hereby recognizes the month of June 2017 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month in California; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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