



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: It is essential to increase public awareness of Scoliosis in order to help children, parents, adults, and health care providers better understand, recognize, and treat complexities of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis; and
- WHEREAS: Scoliosis is an idiopathic condition that causes an abnormal curvature of the spine. The condition affects two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million individuals in the United States, as well as a majority of elderly adults. Scoliosis occurs without regard to gender, race, age, or socioeconomic status; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately one million Scoliosis patients utilize health care each year, and nearly one in six children diagnosed with the condition has a curve that requires active medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The primary age of onset for Scoliosis is typically between 10 and 15. Females are five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment, such as bracing or surgery; and
- WHEREAS: Screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition. Scoliosis may cause chronic back pain and impact heart and lung function; and
- WHEREAS: Scoliosis Awareness Month offers an opportunity to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering of those affected by Scoliosis and enhance their overall quality of life; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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