

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

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, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby recognize June 2017, as

National Scoliosis Awareness Month

in Kansas and that we observe to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 24th day of
May, A.D. 2017

BY THE GOVERNOR:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam Brownback", written over a horizontal line.

Kentz Kobach
Secretary of State

Gregory J. Helmer
Assistant Secretary of State

