

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**PROCLAMATION**

**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 seven million people in the United States, and 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the observation of National Scoliosis Awareness Month raises awareness of the spinal condition and recognizes the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby recognize June 2017 as

**National Scoliosis Awareness Month**

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR