



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness of Scoliosis will help children, parents 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, is a condition affecting 2 to 3 percent of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 1 million Scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately 1 of every 6 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 10 and 15, with females being 5 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**, Scoliosis Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as**

### **SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA**



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

By the Governor:

Governor

*Bahiana K. Gagnier*  
Secretary of State

By

*Scott W. Coulter*  
Deputy