



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

June 2017

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting an estimated seven million people in the United States without regard to race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis can cause chronic back pain, impact heart and lung function, and affect a patient's self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, the primary age for the onset of scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

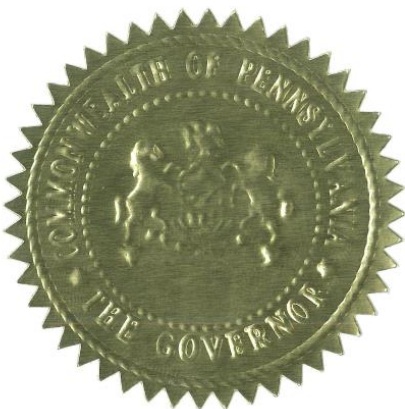
WHEREAS, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis has a curve that requires active treatment; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that early, non-operative bracing results in less surgery, reducing risks and costs; and

WHEREAS, with early detection and proper treatment, those diagnosed with scoliosis can lead healthy, active lives; and

WHEREAS, we observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to raise awareness of the spinal condition of scoliosis and to recognize the need for early detection and treatment.

THEREFORE, in support of patients, families, advocates, researchers, and medical professionals, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to support those who dedicate their time and expertise to raise awareness regarding scoliosis.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-fifth day of May two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.

Tom Wolf
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Governor