

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, scoliosis, the abnormal curvature of the spine, is a musculoskeletal disorder that affects an estimated 6 to 9 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the onset of scoliosis occurs primarily between the ages of 10 and 15 with females being more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, while scoliosis has no known cause, screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of scoliosis is vital in helping children, parents, and healthcare providers understand, diagnose, and treat this condition and reduce the pain and suffering of those it affects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to raise awareness and recognize the need for increased research into the causes of and a cure for this condition.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA