

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, which affects two to three percent of the population or an estimated seven million people in the United States; and

*WHEREAS*; the primary age of onset for scoliosis is 10 – 15 years of age, occurring equally among both genders, but with females five to eight times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

*WHEREAS*; an estimated one million scoliosis patients, including approximately 173,000 individuals in Wisconsin, are affected by this condition and 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*; screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition;

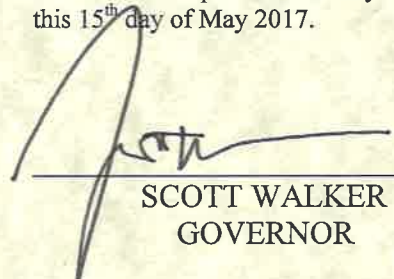
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

### SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State