



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, is a condition affecting two to three percent of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Scoliosis can affect people without regard to their gender, race, age, or economic status; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated one million scoliosis patients annually utilize health care for the condition; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately one in six children diagnosed with this condition eventually require 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: Improved public awareness of scoliosis is necessary to help children, families, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and
- WHEREAS: Screening programs improve early detection and treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and
- WHEREAS: National Scoliosis Awareness Month is an opportunity to improve public awareness, combat scoliosis, and highlight the need for additional research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2018, as:

## NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE