

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** We must increase the public's awareness of Scoliosis and continue to work to help children, parents, adults, and health-care providers understand and recognize the complexities of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis, including but not limited to congenital scoliosis, early onset scoliosis, syndromic, and neuromuscular scoliosis; and
- WHEREAS:** Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine it and that impacts infants, adolescents, and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** The primary age of onset for Scoliosis is ten to fifteen years of age, occurring among both genders but with females eight times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Scoliosis can impact a person's quality of life with limited activity, pain, reduced respiratory function, diminished self-esteem, and financial distress; and
- WHEREAS:** Early detection through screening programs, treatment methods, pain management, or patient care may alleviate the worst effects of scoliosis; and
- WHEREAS:** As we observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to raising awareness of its serious impact.

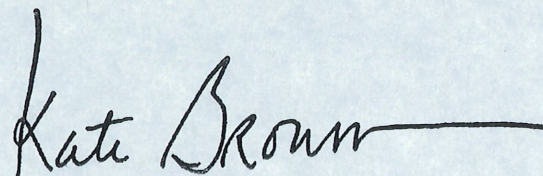
NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **June 2018** to be

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, June 6, 2018.



Kate Brown, Governor



Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State

