

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### PROCLAMATION

#### NATIONAL SCOLOIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH June 2018

*WHEREAS, we must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis; and*

*WHEREAS, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and*

*WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients 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, 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, screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; now*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as NATIONAL SCOLOIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to promote advocacy and support for those dealing with this disorder.*

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



*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor