



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Scoliosis Awareness Month

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 is an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause (idiopathic), and the condition affects 2-3% of the population or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a condition that strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly; and

WHEREAS, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually requires 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 treatment opportunities, which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as: ***Scoliosis Awareness Month*** in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 19 day of April, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina M. Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea".

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State