

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** scoliosis, the abnormal curvature of the spine, is a musculoskeletal disorder that affects an estimated seven million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the onset of scoliosis occurs primarily between the ages of ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** while scoliosis has no known cause, screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

**WHEREAS,** raising public awareness of scoliosis is vital in helping children, parents, and healthcare providers understand, diagnose, and treat this condition and reduce the risk of debilitating complications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as**

### **SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to raise awareness and recognize the need for increased research into the causes of and a cure for this condition.



**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**