



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**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, is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States—it 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, WE, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize June 2019 as

## SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor