

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 between ten and fifteen with females being five 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 2019** 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 3, 2019.



*Kate Brown*

Kate Brown, Governor

*Bev Clarno*

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State