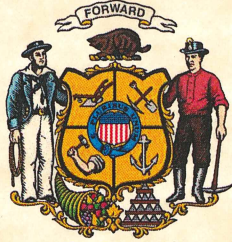


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; we must increase public 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), affects two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States, without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS; an estimated one million scoliosis patients require consistent access to healthcare, as approximately one in every six children diagnosed with scoliosis will eventually require active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS; the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with girls 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 that can alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS; in observation of National Scoliosis Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2019 as

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 31st day of May 2019.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State