

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- 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 (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States, Scoliosis 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 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, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 2019* as:

National Scoliosis Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance to raise 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.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State