



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Increasing public awareness of scoliosis will 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 that affects 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States, without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, and approximately one of every six children who are diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The primary age of onset scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to require treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and
- WHEREAS: Observing Scoliosis Awareness Month renews our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis and to recognizing the need for research to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2020 as:

## SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on June 15, 2020  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon