

**Whereas**, it is important to 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

**Thereas**, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, is a condition affecting 2% to 3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

**Whereas**, 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 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

**Thereas**, screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition;

**Row Therefore,** I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim June 2020, as

## "Scoliosis Awareness Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

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

