

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** scoliosis, the abnormal curvature of the spine, is a musculoskeletal disorder that affects an estimated seven million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the onset of scoliosis occurs primarily between the ages of ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** while scoliosis has no known cause, screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

**WHEREAS,** raising public awareness of scoliosis is vital in helping children, parents, and healthcare providers understand, diagnose, and treat this condition and reduce the risk of debilitating complications.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as

### SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to raise awareness and recognize the need for increased research into the causes of scoliosis and more effective treatments to improve the quality of life for those affected.



A blue ink signature of Henry McMaster, written in a cursive style.

**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**