



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine and if progressive, can cause significant deformity and possible heart and lung problems with aging; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the health and safety of all Floridians, in particular our youth, it is important that the public, parents, and health care providers understand and recognize the complexities of scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis has no known cause, and affects two to three percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a condition that strikes without regard to gender, race, or age, with the primary age of onset being between ages ten and fifteen with females being eight to ten times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude requiring treatment; and

WHEREAS, early detection is possible through a routine exam and can be treated by bracing, surgery, or physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis Awareness Month in Florida is an opportunity to raise awareness of early detection and proper treatment for scoliosis to ensure our children and families live healthy lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing June 2021, as *Scoliosis Awareness Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of June, in the year two thousand twenty-one.


Governor