  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA  
**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** Scoliosis is the most common deformity of the spine and causes it to abnormally curve sideways, into an "S" or "C" shape; and

**WHEREAS,** Scoliosis affects 2-3% of children and a majority of elderly adults in the United States. Approximately one out of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis has a curve that requires active treatment, sometimes involving surgery; and

**WHEREAS,** Scoliosis can cause chronic back pain, impact heart and lung function, and take a toll on a patient's self-esteem. With community awareness, early detection and proper treatment, people diagnosed with scoliosis can lead healthy, active lives; and

**WHEREAS,** In September 2013, a NIH-funded study from the University of Iowa, the Bracing in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Trial (BrAIST), was published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The results of this study affirmed the efficacy of bracing for scoliosis and the need for early detection of scoliosis. The BrAIST study conclusively demonstrated that early detection and treatment of scoliosis with bracing, in appropriately indicated patients, will result in less surgery with the potential for reduced cost to society; and

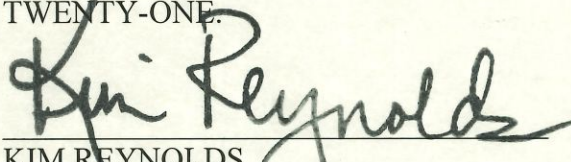
**WHEREAS,** by officially declaring June as Scoliosis Awareness Month in Iowa it will help highlight the growing need for education and awareness about scoliosis:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

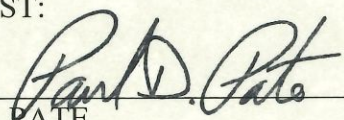
**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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PAUL TATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE