



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS: 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: 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 female patients being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS: Screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021, 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 16th day of June.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE