

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### PROCLAMATION

#### SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

June 2021

*WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting an estimated seven million people in the United States without regard to race, age, or economic status; and*

*WHEREAS, scoliosis can cause chronic back pain, impact heart and lung function, and affect a patient's self-esteem; and*

*WHEREAS, the primary age for the onset of scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being far more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis has a curve that requires active treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, research has shown that early, non-operative bracing results in less surgery, reducing risks and costs; and*

*WHEREAS, with early detection and proper treatment, those diagnosed with scoliosis can lead healthy, active lives; and*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in support of patients, families, advocates, researchers, and medical professionals, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to support those who dedicate their time and expertise to raising awareness of scoliosis and its treatment.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-sixth day of May two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.*



*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor