

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, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical 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 2021 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 and a cure for this condition.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA