

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2 – 3 percent 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, 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 females 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; and

WHEREAS, we must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

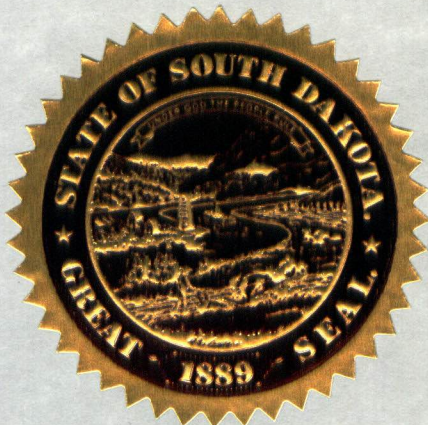
WHEREAS, we observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis. We recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

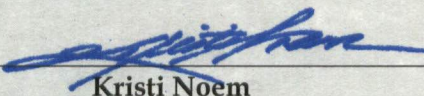
NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2021, as

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

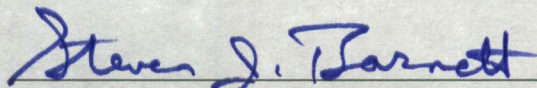
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this twenty-sixth day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.





Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:



Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State