



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, it is important to 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, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, can be caused by a birth defect, disease, or injury, or may have no known cause; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated six to seven million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of scoliosis is greater in females than in males and females are much 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; and

WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Awareness Month is observed to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

*Scoliosis Awareness Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this seventeenth day of May, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State