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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

Whereas, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause (idiopathic), 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, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize healthcare 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 the age of ten and fifteen years old, 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; and

Whereas, National Scoliosis Awareness Month is to renew commitment to raising awareness and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2013 as

"Scoliosis Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 14th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

Assistant *Chris Morris*
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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