

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of scoliosis can help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat this and other complex spinal deformities; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects an estimated 3 percent of the population, or 7 million people in the United States; there is no known cause for scoliosis, and the condition can affect people of any age, race, gender, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, and approximately one in every six children diagnosed with this condition is required to receive active medical treatment, sometimes involving surgery; and


WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen years; females who have scoliosis are 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 an opportunity to raise awareness and support for those combatting this spinal condition, and to advocate increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2018, as “**NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.