



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, boosting public awareness about scoliosis will benefit children, parents, adults and health care providers with understanding, recognizing and treating the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a prevalent, abnormal curvature of the spine that affects an estimated three percent of the population and is the most common spinal deformity; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis usually starts between the ages of 10 to 15 and affects males and females, although females are significantly more likely to have scoliosis curves that progress and need either bracing or surgery to reduce the curvature; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of scoliosis is important, particularly in children whose bones are not fully hardened, and early non-surgical treatments such as bracing may be used to prevent progression of the curvature; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for adolescents to have a scoliosis screening during annual physical examinations with their pediatrician and have as much early knowledge about treatment and support; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2019, 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 seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.