



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, awareness of scoliosis must be increased to 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, with no known cause, is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 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**, an estimated one million scoliosis patients seek health care yearly,

**WHEREAS**, one in every six children is diagnosed with this condition and eventually requires 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, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 2012 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 12th day of July, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Wright", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State