



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 only slightly greater in females than in males, but females are ten 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 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 the month of June 2019 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 eighteenth day of April, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

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Governor

*Joe Wright*

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Secretary of State