



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, 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**, approximately one out of ten adolescents with this condition require medical treatment and an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with females being ten times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, screening may allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; now

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, hereby proclaim the month of June, 2022, 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 tenth day of June, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

