



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 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 Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2013 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 sixteenth day of May, 2013.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State