



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 2014 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 April, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Kuyatt in blue ink.

Secretary of State