

## *Proclamation of the Assembly of the State of New York*

*Whereas, Scoliosis, the abnormal curvature of the spine, is a condition which affects two to three per cent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States, and the disease strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and*

*Whereas, Public awareness of this condition, which has no cure, is vital in helping children, parents and health care providers diagnose, understand, and treat the disease; and*

*Whereas, Scoliosis is most prevalent in otherwise-healthy children, has no known cause primarily onsets between the ages of ten and fifteen, and is five to eight times more likely to progress to a magnitude that requires treatment in females; and*

*Whereas, Approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this disease will eventually require active medical treatment, and an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly; and*

*Whereas, Scoliosis can cause pain, reduced respiratory function, and limited mobility; and*

*Whereas, Screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatments opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and*

*Whereas, we observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the disease, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering caused by scoliosis; now therefore be it*

*Resolved, that as a duly elected member of the New York State Legislature, I, Jonathan L. Bing, do hereby recognize June 2009 as National Scoliosis Awareness month, and pledge to continue to work to both raise awareness and fight to condition wherever possible.*

*Dated: June 22, 2009*

*In witness Whereof, I have, Hereunto  
Set My Hand and Signature*

*Jonathan L. Bing  
New York State Assembly  
73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District*