NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Scoliosis is the abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, it affects 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis is a condition that strikes with no regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the public's awareness of scoliosis must be increased to help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition are eventually required to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being five 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 renews our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to recognize the need for further research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JERRY SANDERS, the 34th Mayor of the City of San Diego, do hereby proclaim June 2012, to be "National Scoliosis Awareness Month" in the City of San Diego, to raise awareness and help in the fight against Scoliosis in San Diego.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS DAY, AND HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL TO BE AFFIXED HERETO:

JERRY SANDERS
MAYOR
June 2011
DATE