STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, we must 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 an estimated 7 million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status, and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize healthcare yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 25th day of May in the year of our Lord 2012 and of the Independence of the United States 236.

BY THE GOVERNOR:  

[Signature]