ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN
I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
June 2012 as
SCOLIOSIS
AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects children and adults of all ages and ethnic backgrounds; however, this spinal deformity is most prevalent in females and seemingly healthy 10- to 15-year olds; and,

WHEREAS, the most common form of scoliosis is idiopathic scoliosis; other forms include congenital scoliosis, a type present at birth, and neuromuscular scoliosis, a type caused by muscle-affecting nervous system syndromes, such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida and polio; and,

WHEREAS, about one out of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis will have a curve that requires active treatment, sometimes involving surgery; screening for scoliosis is quick and non-invasive, and with early detection and proper treatment, individuals diagnosed with scoliosis can lead healthy, active lives; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we raise awareness of scoliosis in Michigan and we encourage citizens throughout the state to learn more about this spinal deformity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as Scoliosis Awareness Month in Michigan.

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Rick Snyder
Governor