State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH
JUNE 2012

WHEREAS, We must increase public 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 2 to 3 percent of our population, or an estimated 7 million people across the country. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, age or race; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 1 million scoliosis patients utilize health care systems yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually needing to seek medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, The primary age for the onset of scoliosis is between 10 and 15, with females being five-times more likely to progress to curve magnitudes that require medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities, which may alleviate the worst effects of this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim JUNE, 2012 as SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in New Hampshire and encourage my fellow citizens to remain aware of this condition, and the importance of early screening.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 15th day of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-six.

John H. Lynch
Governor