P R O C L A M A T I O N

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 (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or 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 health care yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually needing active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen years old 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

NOW, therefore, I Mike McGinn, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim June, 2013, to be

National Scoliosis Awareness Month

in the City of Seattle, and I call upon Seattleites to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes, and continue to fight Scoliosis in the State of Washington.

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle