WHEREAS: Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting between two and three percent of the population, striking without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS: An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care annually, and one in six children diagnosed with this condition will eventually be required to receive medical treatment; and

WHEREAS: The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being five times more likely to require treatment; and

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

WHEREAS: Scoliosis Awareness Month is a time to renew our commitment to raise awareness and combat the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2013, as:

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21st day of May.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie
SECRETARY OF STATE