State of North Carolina

PAT McCORRY
GOVERNOR

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2013

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a medical condition in which the spine is curved from side to side; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is diagnosed when the curvature of the spine is more than 10 degrees to the right or left; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis has no known cause and can strike any gender, age, race or economic status; its primary onset is between ages 10 and 15 and progresses more frequently in females to a level that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 7 million people in the United States have scoliosis, and approximately 1 out of every 6 children diagnosed will require treatment; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis may cause pain, reduce respiratory function and limit mobility; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the National Scoliosis Foundation and other interested agencies and organizations in promoting awareness, research and funding to help combat this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCORRY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2013 as “SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.