United States of America
State of Louisiana

Governor
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 1.5-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated one million scoliosis patients yearly, with approximately one of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually requiring active medical treatment; and

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

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of scoliosis will help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 2014 as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 1st day of June, 2014.

[Signature]
Governor of Louisiana

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Secretary of State