The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH
JUNE 2014

WHEREAS, We must increase public awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and healthcare 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 two to three percent of the population – or an estimated seven million people in the United States – and strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, An estimated one million scoliosis patients use healthcare systems annually, with approximately one out of every six children diagnosed with this condition eventually needing to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15, with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires 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, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim JUNE 2014 as SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all residents to raise awareness of this condition and the importance of early screening.

Given this 23rd day of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

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Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor