PROCLAMATION

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 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 utilize health care yearly with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive 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; and

WHEREAS, the observation of National Scoliosis Awareness Month raises awareness of the spinal condition and recognizes the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby recognize June 2017 as

National Scoliosis Awareness Month

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 10th day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR