Whereas, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause that affects up to 3 percent of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

Whereas, scoliosis affects people without regard to gender, race, age or socioeconomic status; and

Whereas, the principal age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15 years old, with girls being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

Whereas, scoliosis screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities that often alleviate the worst effects; and

Whereas, increased public awareness will help Oklahomans recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

"Scoliosis Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 14th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the Hundred and Ninth Year.