STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, it is important to increase public awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and health care 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 2% to 3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

Whereas, scoliosis is a condition which 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;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim June 2020, 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 six hundred and twenty, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and twelfth year.

Governor

Attorney General

Secretary of State

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