

Proclamation

In Recognition of

Scoliosis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a spinal deformity characterized by a curvature of the spine which affects approximately two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis does not discriminate as to a person's gender, race, age, or economic status, with the primary age for onset is between ten and fifteen; and

WHEREAS, females are five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis has a curve that requires active treatment; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that early, non-operative bracing results in less surgery, reducing risks and costs; and

WHEREAS, with early detection and proper treatment, those diagnosed with scoliosis can lead healthy, active lives; and


WHEREAS, Scoliosis Awareness Month renews our commitment of combating the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

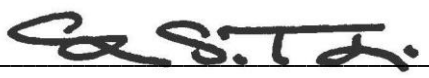
“SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to support those who dedicate their time and expertise to raising awareness about scoliosis.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of June 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i