



Proclamation
In Recognition of

Scoliosis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, scoliosis is the most common deformity of the spine, a condition that causes the spine to abnormally curve sideways; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis has no known cause and strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis affects an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately one out of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis needs active treatment, and in some cases, surgery; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between the ages of ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis symptoms include crooked shoulders, head tilt, tendency to lean to one side, and uneven rib cage, hips or legs; and

WHEREAS, adult patients may have a variety of symptoms, such as low back pain, stiffness, numbness, cramping, shooting pain in the legs, and fatigue, which can lead to gradual loss of function; and

WHEREAS, screening programs allow for early detection and treatment which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition, result in fewer surgeries, and reduce healthcare costs;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as

“SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis; help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities; and recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of May 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i