BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: We must 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, is an idiopathic condition that affects 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States. Scoliosis occurs without regard to gender, race, age, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS: An estimated one million Scoliosis patients utilize health care each year. Approximately one of every six children diagnosed with the condition must eventually receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS: The primary age of onset for Scoliosis is between 10 and 15. Females are 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: We observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering of those afflicted; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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