

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** we must increase the public's 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 (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States. 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; and

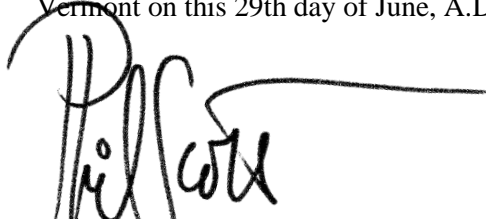
**WHEREAS,** we observe Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

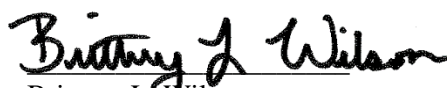
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 2021 as

**SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**  
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of June, A.D. 2021.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs