

WHEREAS; scoliosis is characterized by an abnormal curvature of the spine and is a condition that affects between two and three percent of the United States population, or approximately seven million Americans, according to the National Scoliosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS; scoliosis affects individuals regardless of gender, race, age, or economic status, although the primary age of onset is between 10 and 15, and females are more likely than males to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS; treatments to address scoliosis can vary, with some scoliosis patients who exhibit milder symptoms requiring no treatment at all and others requiring consistent access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS; screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities, which may alleviate the effects of the condition, but increased public awareness of scoliosis is needed in order to help kids, parents, adults, and healthcare providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, advocates, and organizations in raising awareness of scoliosis in the hopes that increased research and funding will lead to improved treatments and better quality of life for individuals living with scoliosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2024 as

## **SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 24th day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State