STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; scoliosis is characterized by an abnormal curvature of the spine, and is a condition with no known cause that affects between two and three percent of the United States population, or approximately seven million people; and

WHEREAS; an estimated one million scoliosis patients require consistent access to healthcare, as approximately one in every six children diagnosed with this condition will eventually require active medical treatment; and

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

WHEREAS; screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities, which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS; we recognize the need to increase public awareness of scoliosis and help children, 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, and advocates in raising awareness of scoliosis and encouraging increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering caused by the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2021 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 2nd day of June 2021.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State