



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*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 two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States; 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, National Scoliosis Awareness Month renews our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis and recognizes the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 2019, as*

# *Scoliosis Awareness Month*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*