Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, we must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults and healthcare 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 percent of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 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 10 and 15, with females being five times more likely to develop a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, screening programs enable early detection and 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 about the need to combat 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, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, to hereby proclaim June 1, 2014 to be

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and encourage everyone to continue to raise awareness and work to fight scoliosis in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fourth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE