

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Unofficial
Relating to Scoliosis Awareness Day in Missouri.

Whereas, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine most often found in adolescents ages ten to eighteen; and

Whereas, roughly three million new cases of the condition are diagnosed in the United States each year; and

Whereas, screening for scoliosis is simple, noninvasive and only takes thirty seconds, yet parents and students are not educated as to how to catch early stage scoliosis with home evaluations; and

Whereas, if not detected or left untreated, scoliosis may worsen, leading to chronic back pain and spinal deformity, and can impact heart and lung function; and

Whereas, school screenings, education programs and other scheduled events help raise awareness for early detection and prevention of progressive spinal deformity:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby proclaim that September first of each year shall be "Scoliosis Awareness Day in Missouri"; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to send a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.