



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 41

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1     **Relating to:** declaring June as Scoliosis Awareness Month.

2             Whereas, we must work to increase public awareness about scoliosis, which is  
3     an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects an estimated six million people in the  
4     United States; and

5             Whereas, the effects of scoliosis, which can include prolonged periods of pain,  
6     limited activity and mobility, and reduced respiratory function can have a profound  
7     impact on a person's quality of life; and

8             Whereas, the average onset for scoliosis is ten to fifteen years of age, and  
9     although a cure for scoliosis has yet to be found, early detection through screening  
10    programs, treatment methods, pain management, or patient care may help to  
11    alleviate its worst effects; and

12            Whereas, every child, regardless of race, creed, or socio-economic status,  
13    deserves equal opportunity for early detection of scoliosis and the least invasive,  
14    least costly, and most effective treatment options possible; and

