



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

1 Whereas, we must continue to work to the find the cause, new methods of
2 prevention, and ultimately, the cure for scoliosis in order to eliminate the confusion
3 that families have about the best course of treatment; and

4 Whereas, as we observe national Scoliosis Awareness Month in June, we renew
5 our commitment to raising awareness of its serious impact in the hopes that one day
6 our efforts will ultimately reduce its physical, emotional, and financial burdens; now
7 therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
9 Wisconsin legislature declare the month of June to be Scoliosis Awareness Month.

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