

No. R-330. House concurrent resolution recognizing June 2024 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.251)

Offered by: Representative Roberts of Halifax

Offered by: Senator Harrison

Whereas, “Scoliosis is a sideways curvature of the spine that most often is diagnosed in adolescents,” and

Whereas, although on occasion coinciding with “cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy, the cause of most childhood [instances] of scoliosis is unknown,” and

Whereas, “most cases of scoliosis are mild, but some curves worsen as children grow,” and “[s]evere scoliosis can be disabling,” and

Whereas, severely curved spines “can reduce the amount of space within the chest, making it difficult for [an individual’s] lungs” to exercise the normal breathing functions, and

Whereas, careful monitoring is sufficient for those children with mild cases of scoliosis, but the more severe situations may require the wearing of a brace or corrective surgery to halt the worsening of the condition, and

Whereas, the purpose of National Scoliosis Awareness Month, which is observed annually in June, is “to highlight the growing need for public education [and] early detection and awareness” concerning this potentially serious and painful disease, and

Whereas, this annual event “unites scoliosis patients, families, physicians, clinicians, [health care and medical research] institutions and related businesses in collaborative [and mutually beneficial] partnerships,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes June 2024 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Scoliosis Research Society and the Vermont Orthopaedic Society.