



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the term "fetal alcohol spectrum disorders" (FASDs) is an umbrella term that describes the range of effects that can occur in a baby whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy; with fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) being the most involved condition along the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, healthy children are some of our most important resources, and FASDs pose a serious threat to the potential health of our future generations; and

WHEREAS, the exact number of people who have FASDs is unknown, but it is estimated that about 40,000 babies are born with effects of prenatal alcohol exposure annually; and

WHEREAS, prenatal exposure to alcohol can cause birth defects, mental retardation, learning disabilities, attention deficits, and behavior disorders; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are entirely preventable; and

WHEREAS, the Papillion Center for FASD joins with NOFAS (The National Organization of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) as well as many dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, educators, and parent groups by participating in the promotion of FASD Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September, 2016 as

*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
Awareness Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eighth day of August, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Jeff Bryant in blue ink.

Secretary of State

