



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the state of Tennessee seeks to protect and improve the health of all citizens by preventing disease, promoting good health, and assuring access to quality healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, sepsis is a life-threatening response to infection and is a medical emergency and when sepsis is quickly recognized and treated, lives are saved; and

**WHEREAS**, healthcare providers are the critical link to preventing, recognizing and treating sepsis; and

**WHEREAS**, healthcare providers can prevent infections by following infection control and vaccine requirements, providing patient and family education, recognizing early sepsis signs and symptoms, and starting antibiotics and other medical care immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, the state and federal level can partner to promote and align public health efforts, including: infection prevention, vaccinations, chronic disease management, appropriate antibiotic use, and sepsis prevention and early recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, patients and families can learn sepsis signs and symptoms, know risk factors, and talk to their healthcare provider; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC August 2016 Vital Signs publication provides an opportunity to highlight the messages of the Tennessee Department of Health and CDC to promote sepsis prevention and response; and

**WHEREAS**, September 13 has been designated by organizations around the world dedicated to fighting sepsis as "World Sepsis Day";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2016 as

*Sepsis Awareness Day*

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 ninth day of September, 2016.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State