



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Huntington's disease (HD) is a progressive degenerative neurological disease that causes total physical and mental deterioration over a ten to twenty-five year period; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Tennessee, there are currently approximately 600 people living with HD, 6,400 at-risk individuals, and 20,500 impacted family members; and

WHEREAS, since the discovery of the gene that causes HD in 1993, the pace of HD research has accelerated; and

WHEREAS, the increased HD research has resulted in improvements in the treatment and care of HD; and

WHEREAS, there are now specialized HD clinics operating in Nashville at the HDSA Center of Excellence at Vanderbilt Medical Center and in Memphis and Knoxville through the University of Tennessee, plus numerous other health care professionals caring for HD patients and families across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Huntington Study Group (HSG), a non-profit network of Huntington disease (HD) experts, researchers, scientists, and clinicians, jointly with the Huntington's Disease Society of America and the HDSA Center of Excellence at Vanderbilt Medical Center, will host "HSG 2016: Discovering Our Future," dedicated to education, increased awareness, and networking, in Nashville November 3 through November 5; and

WHEREAS, "HSG 2016: Discovering Our Future" will bring together more than 300 leading HD experts, industry representatives, advocacy representatives, and community members, all focused on learning and sharing the latest in clinical care and research and spreading HD awareness and education among health care professionals, patients, caregivers, and community members across Tennessee and throughout the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2016, through November 5, 2016, as

Huntington's Disease Awareness Week

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 twenty-ninth day of September, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Bergat".

Secretary of State

