



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is the fourth most common chronic neurological condition; and

WHEREAS, about one in 26 people will develop epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, about 2.9 million people in the United States have epilepsy and about 150,000 new cases of epilepsy are diagnosed every year; and

WHEREAS, appropriate treatment for epilepsy increases quality of life and reduces death rates; and

WHEREAS, while having epilepsy is associated with an increased risk of death, most patients with epilepsy die of unrelated causes;

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

Epilepsy 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 seventeenth day of November, 2016.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Jill Hargett

Secretary of State