



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, gastroparesis is a chronic illness that affects more than 5 million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, this condition is a paralysis of the stomach which can cause debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss and overwhelming fatigue; and

**WHEREAS**, there no known cure and few effective treatment options or medications for gastroparesis; and

**WHEREAS**, those who are affected by gastroparesis seek more research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support, and hope for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, they also seek to educate the medical community and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of their condition for the good of public health;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August, 2017 as

*Gastroparesis 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 January, 2017.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

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Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Hergett in blue ink.

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Secretary of State

