



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the 5p- Society of North America, along with support organizations from around the world, have designated April 30 through May 6, 2017 as International Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, May 5 has been designated internationally as Cri Du Chat Syndrome Day; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Cri Du Chat Syndrome should be recognized for what they can do versus what they cannot do; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States alone, approximately 50-60 children are born with 5p- Syndrome (five p minus), also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri Du Chat Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, "5p-" is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and

WHEREAS, some common characteristics of Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth are a high pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and other potential medical complications; and

WHEREAS, children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to help the child achieve his or her maximum potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2017 as

Cri Du Chat Syndrome 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 twenty-second day of February, 2017.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State