



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Multiple System Atrophy is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease, which has a distinctive impact on each patient; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, MSA affects between 2 and 5 of every 100,000 Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and

**WHEREAS**, a multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and

**WHEREAS**, there are some medications that treat the symptoms and some clinical trials for the development of improved treatment, much more research is needed for better management of the disease and ultimately, a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA and to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, March has been proclaimed as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month among the MSA worldwide community in dealing with the devastating effects of MSA;

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

*Multiple System Atrophy (MSA)  
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 third day of March, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Heidi King*

Secretary of State