



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, children who have had a loved one die, especially a friend or close family member, can carry that loss with them forever, causing confusion and fearfulness as they struggle to understand why their loved one was taken away; and

WHEREAS, the third Thursday in November has been designated as Children's Grief Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, many trained professionals working at dedicated children's grief centers throughout the State of Tennessee offer bereavement support to children and their families; and

WHEREAS, such bereavement support services provides emotional support for children struggling with grief, allowing them to find guidance and understanding during an extremely difficult time; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, citizens are encouraged to wear blue in an effort to raise awareness and show their support for children in mourning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2017 as

Children's Grief 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 thirtieth day of October, 2017.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Zeger

Secretary of State