



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Schizencephaly is a rare brain defect that affects nearly 1 in every 70,000 children; and

WHEREAS, this disorder is shown to affect a child throughout their life physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS, persons with Schizencephaly may have developmental delays in speech and language skills, seizures and problems with brain-spinal cord communication and may require physical, occupational, speech and some feeding therapies; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase understanding and awareness by the public, healthcare providers, and policymakers of the daily challenges of Schizencephaly and its impact on patients' function and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, persons with Schizencephaly have a right to be treated with dignity and respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2018 as Schizencephaly Awareness Day

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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-fifth day of January, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State