



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tarlov Cyst Disease are cysts or outpouchings in the membranes around nerveroots filled with cerebral spinal fluid; and

**WHEREAS**, most Tarlov cysts do not cause symptoms, some may cause pain, weakness, and bowel or bladder changes; and

**WHEREAS**, more women suffer with Tarlov Cyst Disease than men; and

**WHEREAS**, Tarlov Cyst Disease symptoms include, but are not limited to, varying levels of intractable pain which are usually defined by cyst location and associated nerve distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment for Tarlov Cyst Disease generally focuses on controlling symptoms, with some patients finding long term relief through surgical intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, some patients with Tarlov Cyst Disease may also present with additional conditions such as connective tissue disorders;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2018 as

*Tarlov Cyst Disease 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 fifteenth day of February, 2018.

Governor

Secretary of State