



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Endometriosis affects 1 in 10 women of childbearing age in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Endometriosis is a chronic gynecologic disorder of the female reproductive system and is a leading cause of pelvic pain and infertility; and

**WHEREAS**, Endometriosis is known to cause pelvic pain and infertility, some women have other symptoms depending on the location of the endometriosis and some women have no symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an average of a 10-year delay from the onset of symptoms to the final diagnosis of Endometriosis; and

**WHEREAS**, Endometriosis and its treatment result in tens of thousands of hospitalizations, lost productivity and absenteeism at work due to pain; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for Endometriosis and more research is necessary to develop additional treatment options to manage this potentially debilitating disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Evidence-based standards of care are based on the severity of disease and treatment may include oral contraceptives, progestins, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and surgery; and

**WHEREAS**, education is important for promoting awareness of symptoms, early detection and diagnosis of Endometriosis;

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

*Endometriosis 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 nineteenth day of February, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

*Jeffrey H. Bryant*

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Secretary of State