



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Huntington's disease is a progressive degenerative neurological disease that causes total physical and mental deterioration over a 10 to 25 year period; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, an estimated 30,000 people are affected by Huntington's disease and 250,000 individuals are genetically at risk for inheriting Huntington's Disease from a parent; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Tennessee, there are approximately 675 affected persons, 5,000 at-risk individuals, and 20,500 impacted family members; and

WHEREAS, since the discovery of the gene that causes Huntington's disease in 1993, the pace of Huntington's disease research has accelerated substantially, including ongoing research in Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, the Huntington's Disease Society of America has designated the Huntington's Disease Clinics at the University of Tennessee-Memphis and Vanderbilt University Medical Center as HDSA Centers of Excellence, and Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga and the Cole Neuroscience Center-University of Tennessee Medical Center-Knoxville as Partner HDSA Centers of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Huntington's Disease Society of America and its Tennessee Chapter have designated May as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month, to educate the public and support families affected by this devastating disease;

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

Huntington's Disease 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 second day of April, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Scott King

Secretary of State