



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, non-contagious condition that can be debilitating and potentially life-altering and for for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, HS is characterized by clusters of abscesses or subcutaneous boil-like lesions that most commonly affects the underarms, under the breasts, inner thighs, groin, and buttocks; and

WHEREAS, outbreaks of HS are painful and may persist for years with interspersed periods of inflammation, potentially creating open wounds that do not heal and may lead to significant scarring; and

WHEREAS, as many as 1-4 percent of the world's population is affected by HS, and postpubescent individuals are more likely to exhibit symptoms; and

WHEREAS, according to recent research, those affected by HS experience an average delay of seven years for a proper diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, patients with HS may endure a severely diminished quality of life, and thus deserve understanding and compassion from family, friends, medical providers and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, recognize the struggles of those affected, and shorten the delay in diagnosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 4-10, 2018 as

Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week

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 ninth day of April, 2018.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Vitale

Secretary of State