



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) affects between 200 and 400 children in the United States each year; and

**WHEREAS**, brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children; and

**WHEREAS**, DIPG is the second most common malignant brain tumor found in children and the leading cause of childhood death due to brain tumors; and

**WHEREAS**, prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in more than 30 years, but new medical technology and research finally offer hope for treatments for children affected with this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, leading Tennessee based medical institutions are on the forefront of fighting cancer and researching cures; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is pleased to help increase public awareness of this deadly childhood cancer;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2018 as

*Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma  
(DIPG) 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 eighteenth day of April, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

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Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Hergett in blue ink.

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Secretary of State

