



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, it is important to accurately detect and test for Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, also known as 22q13 Deletion Syndrome, which is a rare genetic condition caused by a deletion or other structural change of the terminal end of chromosome 22 in the 22q13 region or a disease-causing mutation of the SHANK3 gene; and

WHEREAS, diagnosis of Phelan-McDermid syndrome requires specialized genetic testing; this microdeletion can be identified using molecular testing approaches, including chromosomal microarray analysis, single-gene testing, and/or a multigene panel; and

WHEREAS, individuals, parents and advocacy groups can increase awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and its symptoms through scientific education opportunities and informational exchange; and

WHEREAS, the range and severity of symptoms of Phelan-McDermid syndrome may include intellectual disability of varying degrees, delayed or absent speech, symptoms of autism spectrum disorder, low muscle tone, motor delays, and epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness of Phelan-McDermid and promote education that will help inform citizens about this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2018 as

Phelan-McDermid Syndrome 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 twenty-seventh day of July, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Vargo in blue ink.

Secretary of State