



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT Deficiency or Alpha-1) is a serious hereditary disorder that can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults or in lung disease in adults; and

**WHEREAS**, a single deficient gene that causes alpha-AS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 100,000 Americans have a severe deficiency of AAT and up to 25 million people in the U.S. carry a deficient gene that may cause a reduced level of AAT function and which may be passed on to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, a diagnosis can be made using a simple blood test; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and often misdiagnosed disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of November, an awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate and public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition;

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

*Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency  
(Alpha-1) 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 seventeenth day of August, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hargitt*

Secretary of State