



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a disabling, chronic, inflammatory skin disease for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, HS causes skin lesions that may lead to significant scarring, chronic pain, anxiety, and even depression, and proper diagnosis and understanding are crucial to the life of the individual; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that up to 4 percent of the population is affected by HS, and those affected by HS experience an average delay of seven years for a correct medical diagnosis. Timing and proper diagnosis are essential; and

WHEREAS, Hope for HS, a national nonprofit advocacy organization, provides support, resources, and educational awareness to individuals affected by Hidradenitis Suppurativa, while The HS Foundation provides education for medical professionals and promotes research; and

WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to spread education, support, understanding, awareness; correct misconceptions; and shorten the delay in diagnosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 2-8, 2019 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 fifth day of June, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State