



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a rare disorder causing intolerable blood pressure levels in the arteries between the lungs and heart; and

WHEREAS, without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; with early diagnosis and effective treatment, the disorder can be managed for twenty years or more; and

WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis, and research can help find a cure; and

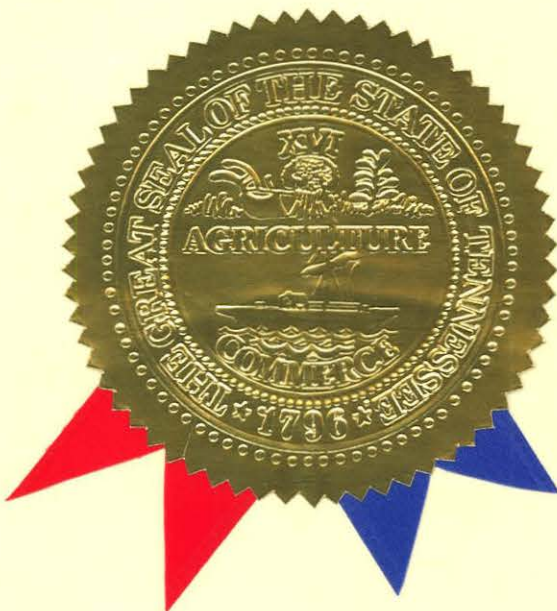
WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy and awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2012 as

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION 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 1 day of November, 2012.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Knight in blue ink.

Secretary of State