



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Fabry Disease is a rare, progressive, and life-threatening inherited genetic disorder that causes children and adults to suffer life-altering symptoms which may include pain, decreased ability to perspire, intolerance to heat and exercise, fevers, gastrointestinal difficulties, vision problems, hearing loss, and excessive school and work absences; and

**WHEREAS**, Fabry Disease may progress to include kidney damage, heart attack, and stroke; and

**WHEREAS**, Fabry Disease is caused by deficient activity of the enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that causes insufficient breakdown of lipids and harmful build-up of lipids in the body; and

**WHEREAS**, there is treatment for Fabry disease that may reduce some of the symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, increased physician and family education are critical to increase disease recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, the current estimate of classic Fabry Disease incidence in the U.S. is 1 in 50,000 males with a reduced incidence in females; and

**WHEREAS**, enzyme assays and genetic testing can confirm Fabry disease; and

**WHEREAS**, together, we can raise awareness to fight this tragic but treatable disorder;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as

*Fabry Disease 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 sixth day of February, 2013.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State