



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Nashville Sarcoidosis Awareness and Support Group and the Middle Tennessee Sarcoidosis Support Group is observing Sarcoidosis Awareness Month with the 2013 theme, "Promoting Greater Awareness of Sarcoidosis to the Citizens of Tennessee;" and

WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is a disease that affects many of our fellow citizens in chronic and debilitating ways and is a potentially fatal inflammatory disease that can appear in almost any organ in the body and can strike people of all races and of all ages; and

WHEREAS, while some progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, the cause remains undetermined and very little is known about the true burden of this illness; and

WHEREAS, April 2013 is appropriate to designate as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month with worldwide events to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with Sarcoidosis, to raise awareness of the need for more research funding, and to educate medical professionals treating individuals with Sarcoidosis; and

WHEREAS, through increased research, quantifying prevalence, discovering the cause, improving treatment and finding a cure for Sarcoidosis may be within reach;

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

Sarcoidosis 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 eighth day of March, 2013.



A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, the Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Lee Vargitt, the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State