



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are 3.1 million licensed registered nurses in the United States, and vascular nurses comprise an important part of this healthcare group; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing excellence in direct patient care, vascular nurses participate in vascular research and serve as a valuable resource for policy makers; and

WHEREAS, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) is a vascular disease in which the arteries supplying a limb (typically one or both legs) are obstructed, and sixty percent of PAD patients have coexisting coronary artery disease (CAD) or cerebrovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 8 million people in the United States with PAD, including 10-15% of Americans older than 60; and

WHEREAS, people with vascular disease require an interdisciplinary team approach and the vascular nurse is an integral part of this team; and

WHEREAS, the specialized vascular nurse is able to identify the resources required by the vascular patient population and to assist in providing optimal care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Vascular Nurses Week exists in order to celebrate the contributions of vascular nurses, who advance the care of persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education and research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 9-15, 2013, as

Vascular Nurses 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 fourteenth day of March, 2013.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State