



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) is the most common inherited peripheral neuropathy disorder, affecting approximately 1 in 2,500 people worldwide, and approximately 2,500 people in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, CMT is characterized by a slow and progressive degeneration of the muscles in the foot, lower leg, and forearm, extending to weakness in the hands and loss of muscle tone; and

WHEREAS, doctors, medical professionals, and educators may be unaware of the disorder, its symptoms, or the obstacles faced when affected by this disorder; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University Medical Center is now designated as the Center for Excellence on CMT with patients coming from Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the past year has brought significant strides thru the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association's Strategy to Accelerate Research Initiative and development of therapies for CMT; and

WHEREAS, through an innovative public-private partnership combining the National Institutes of Health and university laboratories with expertise in peripheral nerve biology, scientist have identified candidates drugs with potential to begin human clinical trials for the treatment of the most common type of CMT;

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

Charcot-Marie-Tooth 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 seventeenth day of May, 2013.

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

Governor

A blue ink signature of the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

