



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes) is a broad category of illnesses characterized by the sudden onset of obsessive compulsive disorder; and

WHEREAS, a subset of PANS cases may be classified as PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections) if associated with a strep infection or PITAND (Pediatric Infection-Triggered Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders) if associated with viral infections or bacterial infections other than strep; and

WHEREAS, establishing these diagnoses requires that other known neurologic or medical disorders must have been ruled out as a cause for the symptoms; and

WHEREAS, children experiencing these disorders may have moderate to dramatic improvement with antibiotics within one week of treatment if the diagnostic workup shows an infectious trigger; and

WHEREAS, for PANDAS/PITAND/PANS there is often a lack of awareness of these disorders; and

WHEREAS, PANDAS Network, a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 2009, is dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of children with PANDAS/PITAND/PANS by providing an ongoing database of cases as well as parent referrals to support groups and physicians; and

WHEREAS, there is need for greater public awareness of these conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2013, as.

PANDAS/PITAND/PANS Awareness Day

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 nineteenth day of August, 2013.

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

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Hargett, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

