



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT Deficiency or Alpha-1) is a serious hereditary disorder that can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults or in lung disease in adults; and

WHEREAS, a single deficient gene that causes alpha-AS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 100,000 Americans have a severe deficiency of AAT and up to 25 million people in the U.S. carry a deficient gene that may cause a reduced level of AAT function and which may be passed on to their children; and

WHEREAS, a diagnosis can be made using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder;

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

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency 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 fifteenth day of October, 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hargett".

Secretary of State