



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, June 30, 2014 will be the fifth annual AMC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis is defined as multiple congenital (from birth) joint contracture or multiple joints that are stuck in one position and have very little flexibility; and

WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis is an umbrella diagnosis with many syndromes and subtypes and occurs in approximately 1 in 3,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis is caused by an unborn baby not moving properly during fetal development.

WHEREAS, Stretching, various therapies (physical, occupational, speech etc.) and some surgical interventions can help improve someone's independence level and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, AMC Awareness Day is sponsored by Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Support Inc. (AMCSI), a fully volunteer based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that hosts yearly conferences and maintains a free online message board system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2014 as

Arthrogryposis 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 seventh day of May, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State