



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, pediatric stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2000 newborns each year and is one of the top ten causes of death in children; and

**WHEREAS**, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

**WHEREAS**, the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

**WHEREAS**, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

**WHEREAS**, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence; now

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby officially proclaim the month of May, 2014 as

## *Pediatric Stroke 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 seventh day of May, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Ray in blue ink.

Secretary of State