



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are nine major forms of muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy can initially appear in infancy all the way up to middle age or later, and its form and severity are determined in part by the age at which it occurs; and

WHEREAS, some persons with MD enjoy a normal life span with mild symptoms that progress very slowly; others experience swift and severe muscle weakness and wasting, dying in their late teens to early 20s; and

WHEREAS, patients with this disease experience muscle weakness and the loss of function or ability to control the muscles; and

WHEREAS, there is not yet a cure for Muscular Dystrophy, so it is a race against the clock for so many suffering from this disease;

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

Muscular Dystrophy 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 thirtieth day of July, 2014.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Vargitt

Secretary of State