



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, it is important to promote awareness and understanding of a genetic disorder known as Neurofibromatosis (NF), formerly known as Von Recklinghausen disease: and

**WHEREAS**, children with NF are usually born with six or more brown oval or circular spots in the skin called café-au-lait spots, and develop other characteristic features, including benign skin tumors called neurofibromas, freckles under the arms or in the groin region, a benign tumor along the optic nerve, two or more iris hamartomas, a characteristic bony lesion, or a first degree relative with NF; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of people with NF have mild forms of the disorder, while some have serious and persistent health problems related to the disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to support the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary and critical treatments, and encourage further research into this disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, by raising awareness of this disorder, we hope to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of all people with NF and their caregivers and families;

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

*Neurofibromatosis - NF 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 eighth day of July, 2014.



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

Governor

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

Secretary of State