



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, progressive, disabling neurological disease of unknown origin that affects the central nervous system and has no known cure; and

WHEREAS, MS has been diagnosed in more than 400,000 people nationwide, whose family, friends and employers are affected as well; and

WHEREAS, people with MS are often misunderstood because many of their symptoms including fatigue, weakness, cognition difficulties, vision loss, and depression are "invisible"; and

WHEREAS, with early drug therapy and proper healthcare management disease progression can be slowed, allowing people with MS to live active, rewarding and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, increased public education and awareness about MS not only helps people who must cope with the disease, but also stimulates funds for vital research aimed at developing more disease-modifying treatments and ultimately a cure; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation is, in part, to improve the quality of life of people with MS nationwide through educational programs and materials, grant programs, support groups, and other services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state of Tennessee to promote awareness of MS and a better understanding of people who live with the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2012 as

NATIONAL MS EDUCATION AND 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 2nd day of November, 2011.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Wengert in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State