



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a major national and state health problem; and

WHEREAS, more than two million Americans, including more than 40,000 people in the state of Tennessee, suffer from Epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, approximately 150,000 new cases of this disorder develop each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of the American Population will experience a seizure in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, for many, epilepsy is shrouded in myth, ignorance, and fear which often works to deprive those with epilepsy the opportunities that will enable them to achieve a normal, active, and productive life thus causing undue suffering; and

WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation Middle and West Tennessee, an affiliate of the Epilepsy Foundation of America, is conducting a public education campaign to bring the facts about Epilepsy to the attention of Tennesseans throughout the year and especially during the month of November;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2013 as

Epilepsy 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 first day of November, 2013.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Julie Wright

Secretary of State