



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Arthrogyposis Multiplex Congenita is a condition that causes many joints to be stiff and crooked at birth; and

WHEREAS, a newborn with Arthrogyposis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints, also called a joint contracture; and

WHEREAS, joint contractures develop before birth (prenatally) and are evident at birth (congenitally); and

WHEREAS, joints that can be affected by AMC include the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, the jaw and the spine; and

WHEREAS, arthrogyposis may occur in up to 1 in 3,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, while arthrogyposis is not curable it can be treatable to promote as much independence as possible in actives of daily living;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2015 as

Arthrogyposis Awareness Day

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 second day of April, 2015.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Julie Hayat in blue ink.

Secretary of State

