



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Huntington's Disease is a progressive degenerative neurological disease that results in physical and mental deterioration over a ten to twenty-five year period; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 18,000 people in the United States are affected by Huntington's Disease and 120,000 individuals are genetically at risk for inheriting Huntington's Disease from a parent; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that there are approximately 600 people who currently have Huntington's Disease, and approximately 2,500 at-risk individuals in the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, since the discovery of the gene that causes Huntington's Disease in 1993, understanding of Huntington's Disease has increased, including substantial scientific and clinical research being conducted in the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huntington's Disease Society of America and the Tennessee Affiliate have designated May as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month to educate the public and support families affected by this devastating disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2015 as

*Huntington's Disease 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 second day of April, 2015.



*Bill Haslam*

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Secretary of State