



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, May 14, 2015 marks the third annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which awareness will be raised about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, a particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech and communication disorder in youngsters; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children; and

WHEREAS, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and

WHEREAS, that without appropriate intervention, children with apraxia are then placed at high risk for secondary impacts in literacy and other school-related skills; and

WHEREAS, that most children with apraxia of speech will learn to communicate with their very own voices only if they receive early intervention and appropriate, frequent speech therapy; and

WHEREAS, that it is imperative there be greater public awareness about childhood apraxia; and

WHEREAS, children and families affected by this disorder should be commended for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2015 as

Apraxia 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 fourteenth day of April, 2015.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Jill Kirtland

Secretary of State