



STATE OF TENNESSEE
P R O C L A M A T I O N
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is a genetic disorder first described by an English pediatrician Dr. Harry Angelman, in 1965; and

WHEREAS, cases of Angelman Syndrome may be unrecognized or misdiagnosed as cerebral palsy, autism or other childhood disorders; and

WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome affects males, females, and all racial/ethnic groups and is estimated to impact in every 12,000 to 20,000 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is being researched by numerous scientific professionals in order to more accurately describe its origin, physical signs, symptoms, and behavioral characteristics; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention are beneficial when Angelman Syndrome is suspected and diagnosis can now be accomplished within the first year of life; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, and Angelman Syndrome Foundation are dedicated to educating and supporting parents and professionals dealing with Angelman Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2015 as

Angelman Syndrome 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

Jeri Tugel

Secretary of State