



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic illness that affects more than 5 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this condition is a paralysis of the stomach which can cause debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss and overwhelming fatigue; and

WHEREAS, there no known cure and few effective treatment options or medications for gastroparesis; and

WHEREAS, those who are affected by gastroparesis seek more research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support, and hope for the future; and

WHEREAS, they also seek to educate the medical community and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of their condition for the good of public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August, 2016 as

Gastroparesis 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 fourteenth day of December, 2015.



Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State