



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, pediatric stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2000 newborns each year and is more common than pediatric brain cancer, with stroke being one of the top ten cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke, they risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment of which are often different in children than in adults, and only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

PEDIATRIC STROKE 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 15th day of March, 2012.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Ruggitt in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State