



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, the symptoms of which may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or impaired vision; and

WHEREAS, the progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of the disease; and

WHEREAS, every hour of every day someone is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, nationwide, more than 400,000 live with multiple sclerosis, and here in the State of Tennessee more than 8,900 people have the disease; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is moving research forward by relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is championing the needs of people with MS through activism and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is mobilizing the millions of people who want to do something about MS now; and

WHEREAS, while MS stops people from moving, the National MS Society exists to make sure it doesn't;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of March 12-18, 2012, as

MS AWARENESS WEEK

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.

Governor

Secretary of State