



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Heterotaxy Syndrome is a congenital condition that affects the development, placement and presence of internal organs; and

WHEREAS, the public is largely unaware of Heterotaxy Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Heterotaxy Syndrome affects many body systems and requires a team of many specialists for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Families may struggle to educate medical teams and may be the only common thread between medical specialties; and

WHEREAS, Mortality for those with Heterotaxy Syndrome is relatively high; and

WHEREAS, Those with Heterotaxy Syndrome that survive to adulthood find their condition largely unknown to their community; and

WHEREAS, Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and to know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Heterotaxy Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2016 as

Heterotaxy 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 twenty-sixth day of February, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hargett".

Secretary of State

