



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT Deficiency or Alpha-1) is a serious hereditary disorder that can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults or in lung disease in adults; and

WHEREAS, a single deficient gene that causes alpha-AS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 100,000 Americans have a severe deficiency of AAT and up to 25 million people in the U.S. carry a deficient gene that may cause a reduced level of AAT function and which may be passed on to their children; and

WHEREAS, a diagnosis can be made using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and often misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, an awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate and public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2018 as

*Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency
(Alpha-1) 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 seventeenth day of August, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State