

Office of the Mayor

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1 and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I SHANE MCFARLAND, MAYOR of the City of **MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE** on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 1, 2018 as

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all citizens to join in this recognition.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this city to be affixed

Mayor Shane McFarland

Date November 1, 2018