



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Access to healthcare is a basic human need and a shared societal responsibility all patients, even those experiencing financial hardship, need access to timely and sustained medical care; and

WHEREAS, A serious diagnosis should open a patient's door to relevant clinical information, access to the medical care system, help reaching informed and independent decisions, and the benefits of appropriate support; and

WHEREAS, Continued, collaborative, and creative efforts among all levels of government, private industry, health care providers, and citizenry are required to overcome the complex challenge of ensuring healthcare to those in need and to overcome obstacles to progressive, fair, fiscally sound, and effective healthcare for every citizen; and

WHEREAS, The Patient Advocate Day Proclamation affirms the state's commitment to stand in voice and action as an advocate for the patient;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 19th, 2008 as

PATIENT ADVOCACY 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 28th day of March, 2008.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bredesen".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Riley C. Darvell".

Secretary of State

