



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, an estimated 53,000 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, and over 40,000 are likely to die from the disease;

**WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, and is projected to become the second leading cause of cancer-related death by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just eight percent;

**WHEREAS**, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and about 65 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis;

**WHEREAS**, approximately 870 deaths from this disease are likely to occur in Tennessee in 2016;

**WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world;

**WHEREAS**, there will be an estimated 418,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed worldwide in 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the good health and well-being of the residents of Tennessee are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2016 as

## *Pancreatic Cancer 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 sixteenth day of November, 2016.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lu Weng".

Secretary of State