



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, stomach cancer one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers worldwide; and

WHEREAS, out of over 22,000-24,000 new cases diagnosed each year, nearly half will die within the first year of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, more than 72,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, stomach cancer has increased in young adults age 25-39 by 70 percent since 1977; and

WHEREAS, the overall 5-year relative survival rate for stomach cancer is only 29 percent even though stomach cancer mortality rates have decreased over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, stomach cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of cancer-related death and it is important to raise awareness of stomach cancer to help increase detection, encourage treatment, and find a cure;

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

Curing Stomach Cancer 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 November, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Dought in blue ink.

Secretary of State