



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children 1-14 years of age and this tragic disease is detected in nearly 10,000 of our country's young people less than 15 years of age each and every year; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, almost 1300 children less than 15 years of age lose his or her battle with cancer and many children may experience secondary cancers later in childhood or as an adult as a result of the treatment received during their battle against cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and

**WHEREAS**, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer, and

**WHEREAS**, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2017 as

## *Childhood Cancer 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 twenty-second day of May, 2017.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heather Hargett".

Secretary of State

