



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Multiple Myeloma (or Myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow; and

**WHEREAS**, Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 77,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 22,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 11,000 losing their battle each year; and

**WHEREAS**, once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under 65; and

**WHEREAS**, because Myeloma is a rare disease there can be delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, an increased awareness of Myeloma for clinicians and the general public may lead to earlier diagnosis potentially allowing people to live longer; and

**WHEREAS**, although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for Myeloma; and

**WHEREAS**, private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs should be encouraged;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2018 as

*Multiple Myeloma Action 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 fourteenth day of February, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Eric Holt*

Secretary of State