



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, thousands of families across Tennessee are affected by metastatic breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, metastatic breast cancer patients continue to face many unique challenges, such as the emotional and physical demands of continual treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, currently no cure exists for metastatic breast cancer and those with metastatic breast cancer will continue treatment indefinitely with the goal of extending the best quality of life possible; and

**WHEREAS**, more than one in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in their lifetimes; with an expected 5,500 women in Tennessee receiving a diagnosis of breast cancer each year; and

**WHEREAS**, it's estimated that over 154,000 women have metastatic breast cancer nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 900 women in Tennessee will die of breast cancer this year, nearly all due to metastatic breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer can spread quickly and inexplicably, regardless of the treatment or preventative measures taken; when breast cancer spreads, 50-70% of the time it involves the bones, but can involve other parts of the body, including the lungs, liver and brain; and

**WHEREAS**, this devastating disease affects all races and socioeconomic classes, and though white women see the greatest incidence of breast cancer, the mortality rate for African-American women with breast cancer is about 41 percent higher than in white women, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for Hispanic women; and

**WHEREAS**, the patient, family, health, and economic burdens of metastatic breast cancer are large; and

**WHEREAS**, while there have been treatment advances in metastatic breast cancer, notable disparities still exist in treatment outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, ClinicalTrials.gov is a searchable database which provides patients, family members and the public with information about current ongoing clinical research studies; and

**WHEREAS**, there is still more research to be done for metastatic breast cancer so that new and more effective treatments can be developed; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer can speak with their physician to learn more about the disease, and can find support groups and services in their community or online; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is observing July as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Month to shed light on the devastation metastatic breast cancer brings to communities statewide;

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

*Metastatic Breast 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 first day of May, 2018.

Governor

Secretary of State

