



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, blood cancers are types of cancer that can affect the bone marrow, the blood cells, the lymph nodes, and other parts of the lymphatic system; and

WHEREAS, there are three main types of blood cancers: leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, an estimated over 170,000 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma, accounting for about 10 percent of new cancer cases diagnosed in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1.4 million people in the U.S. are living with leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma, with some in remission status; and

WHEREAS, blood cancers cause almost 60,000 cancer deaths annually in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is a fast-growing form of blood cancer that progresses quickly if not treated; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, an estimated 19,500 new cases of AML will be diagnosed and it is estimated that over 10,000 will die of this disease in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, AML is primarily diagnosed in older people, with approximately 75% of new cases diagnosed in patients 55 years of age and older and 58% diagnosed in patients 65 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, 5-year relative survival rates among patients with AML decrease with aging, with patients less than 45 years of age experiencing almost 60% 5-year relative survival compared to just 7% for those 65 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, Blood Cancer Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to increase awareness of blood cancers, including AML, and improve diagnosis, care, and treatment of blood cancers;

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

Blood 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-third day of August, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Hargett".

Secretary of State

