



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a rare disorder causing intolerable blood pressure levels in the arteries between the lungs and heart; and

WHEREAS, without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, multiple treatments are available for PH but it takes patients an average of nearly 3 years to be accurately diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, PH patients who are diagnosed earlier have a longer life-expectancy; and

WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis and more research can help find a cure; and

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy and awareness;

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

*Pulmonary Hypertension
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 fifteenth day of October, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Scott D. West

Secretary of State