



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,500 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 500 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS, early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS, due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate a week of awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2019 as

Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week

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 nineteenth day of August, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lucretia Starnett

Secretary of State

