



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

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, 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;

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

Metastatic Breast Cancer Action Day

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 eighteenth day of September, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Wargrett

Secretary of State

