



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin form of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related death among men; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, there will be an estimated 241,740 new cases of prostate cancer nationally in the year 2012, and there will be an estimated 28,170 deaths from prostate cancer in this same year; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 35,610 new cases of cancer this year in Tennessee, and 4,900 cases of prostate cancer, which will result in an estimated 580 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the factors that contribute to the development and progression of prostate cancer into an aggressive disease are not fully understood, and additional research is important to refine the screening and treatment of prostate cancer, and to ensure efficient delivery of these health care services by a unified standard of care; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, prostate cancer accounted for an estimated 9.6 percent of the nation's cost for cancer care, and received about 10.3 percent of the funds allocated by the National Cancer Institute for cancer research in 2011; and

WHEREAS, according to the NCI SEER data finds that between 2005-2009, the median age for prostate cancer diagnosis was 67 years old and 41.6 percent of newly diagnosed prostate cancers affect men between the ages of 35 and 65, during their prime years at work; and

WHEREAS, at any age, deaths due to prostate cancer can devastate families through loss of income, partnership and support;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2012, as

PROSTATE 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 9th day of August, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Hight", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

