



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, every day in Tennessee, 17 people are diagnosed with lung cancer and 14 are diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the most common cause of cancer death among Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths among women in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one in eight women in Tennessee will develop breast cancer in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, one in 13 Tennesseans will be diagnosed with lung cancer and one in 18 Tennesseans will die from lung cancer in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, rates of newly diagnosed breast cancers are similar among black and white women in Tennessee, black women are more likely to die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to sharp declines in cancer screenings; and

WHEREAS, early detection of both lung and breast cancer can make it easier to treat; and

WHEREAS, dedicating a day to promote breast and lung cancer screening will encourage Tennessee women to schedule a breast and/or lung cancer screening;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2021 as

*"Pink & Pearl" Lung & Breast
Cancer Screening Awareness 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 twenty-sixth day of August, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Stacy Vignett

Secretary of State