



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer is among the least understood of all the major cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the deadliest forms of cancer, pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States and it has the lowest five-year survival rate at about 11%; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated by the American Cancer Society that in 2021, 60,430 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and 48,220 will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the U.S. Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework for pancreatic cancer and other recalcitrant cancers that may help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Tennessee and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Tennessee support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, the good health and well-being of the residents of Tennessee are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and the research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021, as

*Pancreatic Cancer 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 eighteenth day of November 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Scott Bergatt*

Secretary of State

