



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men (other than skin cancer) and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 268,490 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in 2022, resulting in an estimated 34,500 deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated 5,800 men in Tennessee will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2022 and it is estimated 750 men in Tennessee will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, black men in the United States and the Caribbean have the highest documented prostate cancer incidence rates in the world; and

WHEREAS, early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be responsible for 5 to 10 percent of the disease cases; and

WHEREAS, late stage prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas in the body; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate approaches 100 percent when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 30 percent when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends men should have an opportunity to make an informed decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on their personal values and preferences; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer treatment decisions should be based on clinician recommendations and patient values and preferences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2022, 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 twenty-second day of August, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Kergett

Secretary of State