



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,390 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fifth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually late stage, and 75 to 80 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, approximately 790 deaths will occur in Tennessee in 2012 from pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are rising; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute dedicated almost \$100,000,000 to fund pancreatic cancer research nationally during fiscal year 2011, while the top 4 causes of cancer death-lung, prostate, female breast and colorectal cancers-each received more than \$265,000,000 during the same fiscal year; 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, as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease 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 research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

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

PANCREATIC 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 first day of November 2012.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Mangatt, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

