



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the United States and in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer will take the lives of 4,570 people in Tennessee this year, far outnumbering deaths due to breast, prostate, and colon cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15% of lung cancer cases occur in people who have never smoked, and over 40% in those who have formerly smoked; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer has only a 15% five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, many organizations such as The National Lung Cancer Partnership, the LUNGeivity Foundation, and The Lung Cancer Alliance are dedicated to decreasing deaths due to lung cancer and to help patients live longer and better through research, awareness and advocacy with the involvement of many Tennesseans, some laypersons, and other doctors and researchers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee demonstrates its commitment to making lung cancer a public health priority, by supporting advocacy work on behalf of lung cancer patients and all those at risk for the disease and by offering support and care for all those in our state affected by lung cancer;

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

LUNG 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 1 day of November, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Vignetti".

Secretary of State