



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 persons in the United States have Lynch syndrome, but less but 5% of those persons are currently diagnosed and approximately one in every thirty-five individuals with colorectal cancer have Lynch Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome is a hereditary predisposition presenting a high lifetime risk of contracting a litany of cancers, including up to an 85% lifetime risk of colon cancer, 65% lifetime risk of endometrial cancer and higher than average risks of contracting ovarian cancer, gastric tract cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, renal pelvic cancers, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer and other cancers, often at an early age; and

WHEREAS, knowing one's family medical history of cancers may prompt genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, a positive genetic test could increase cancer screening, potentially leading to cancers being detected early and treated or removed, often before becoming life threatening; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of cancer deaths could be reduced as a result of public awareness of Lynch Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2013, as

LYNCH SYNDROME CANCERS 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 seventh day of January, 2013.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lee Dargatzis".

Secretary of State