



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, multiple myeloma is the third most commonly diagnosed blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow, and is called "multiple" because the cancer can occur at multiple sites in bone; and

WHEREAS, multiple myeloma currently affects more than 60,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 22,350 new cases diagnosed and 10,710 losing their battle with the disease in 2013; and

WHEREAS, once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under age 65; and

WHEREAS, because myeloma is a rare disease and diagnosis may be delayed, leading to delayed treatment, which underscores the need for an increased awareness of myeloma among clinicians and the general public that will hopefully lead to earlier diagnosis, potentially allowing people to live longer; and

WHEREAS, although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for myeloma; and

WHEREAS, private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs should be encouraged;

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

Multiple Myeloma 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 eighth day of March, 2013.



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

Governor

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

Secretary of State