



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection reports that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, cancer is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, about 2000 of our nation's children will lose his or her battle with cancer each and every year; and

WHEREAS, Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

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

Childhood 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 sixteenth day of August, 2013.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Scott Fitzgerald".

Secretary of State