



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer every three minutes, making this disease the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the U.S., other than skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, during 2013 in the State of Tennessee, approximately 5,070 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed and nearly 910 women will succumb to the disease; and

WHEREAS, through research and advocacy, advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including an increased rate of early detection, and a 99 percent five-year relative survival rate for localized breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the 2.8 million female breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today are a testament to the courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, supporting research efforts, following recommended screening guidelines, and offering treatment to those who are affected; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of numerous organizations have made a major contribution to spreading breast cancer awareness to both women and men in all communities in Tennessee through outreach, education, screening, and treatment programs, and have empowered people with the life-saving message of early detection; and

WHEREAS, screening rates are declining and a recent study reveals that among the 1.5 million women studied over the age of 40 with health insurance, less than half received the recommended annual screening; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, women are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to following recommended screening guidelines and to make a mammogram appointment; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, organizations and health practitioners in this State are encouraged to use this opportunity to promote awareness about breast cancer and to encourage women and men to seek screenings as recommended; and

WHEREAS, public officials and citizens of this State are urged to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs;

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

Breast 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 fifteenth day of October, 2013.

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

Governor

A blue ink signature of Lee Hargett, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State