



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, lung cancer kills, on average, 158,000 Americans every year, more than any other form of cancer; and

WHEREAS, while smoking is the most common cause of lung cancer; secondhand smoke exposure, radon, asbestos, and genetic disorders have long been known to cause lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer recently added outdoor air pollution and particulate matter to the growing list of air pollutants known to cause lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, although avoiding exposure to these carcinogens—e.g. cigarette smoke, asbestos, air pollution, etc.—is the best way to prevent lung cancer, people cannot always avoid them because they are so widespread; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for lung cancer is only about 17 percent, among the lowest of all types of cancer; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer greatly improves survival rates; however, most cases are not diagnosed until later stages; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of lung cancer using low-dose CT scans has shown promise in a high-risk population, but is not yet a generally accepted cancer screening method in the US; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 72,000 American women will die of lung cancer in 2013, 26 percent of all female deaths due to cancer; and

WHEREAS, every two and a half minutes someone in the U.S. is told that he or she has lung cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November, 2013 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 thirtieth day of October, 2013.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State