



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually at an advanced stage, and 71 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, approximately 800 deaths from pancreatic cancer will occur in Tennessee in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the national incidence rate for pancreatic cancer is generally stable, but the death rate is increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plan, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which may help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Tennessee and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Tennessee support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Tennessee are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

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

Pancreatic 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 eighth day of November, 2013.

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

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Ricketts, the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State