



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma (or Myeloma), the third most commonly diagnosed blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow that can occur at multiple sites; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 77,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 22,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 11,000 losing their battle each year; and

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

WHEREAS, because Myeloma is a rare disease there can be delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment; and

WHEREAS, an increased awareness of Myeloma for clinicians and the general public may 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, 2014 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 twenty-second day of January, 2014.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargrett

Secretary of State