



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee celebrates National Dress in Blue Day to bring awareness to colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer causes the second highest number of cancer death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of being diagnosed with colorectal cancer is about one in 20, and about 1 person every 10 minutes will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, it is estimated there will be about 142,820 new cases of colorectal cancer diagnosed in America and about 50,830 deaths; and

WHEREAS, to help combat the disease, a simple screening test is generally recommended to asymptomatic individuals beginning at the age of 50 or possibly earlier to those with certain risk factors, such as a family history; and

WHEREAS, education and increased awareness can help inform the public of methods of prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, through recommended screenings, this cancer can be caught early when treatment is most effective; and

WHEREAS, the National Dress in Blue Day program, held on Friday, March 7, 2014, will help bring greater awareness to the disease and the importance of being screened;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 7, 2014, as

"Dress in Blue"
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day

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

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State