



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, every five minutes, a woman in the U.S. is told she has lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the #1 cancer killer of women in the U.S., surpassing breast cancer in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the lung cancer death rate in women has more than doubled over the past 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee rates of lung cancer incidence and deaths both are higher than the national rates; and

WHEREAS, about 565,000 Tennessee adults are living with COPD, and women are disproportionately burdened with COPD compared to men in terms of illness and death; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, about 397,000 adults and 139,000 children have asthma; and asthma is more common in women than men; and

WHEREAS, advocacy and increased awareness may result in better quality of life for women with lung cancer, COPD, asthma and other lung diseases and may improve survivorship; and

WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is the new national movement led by the American Lung Association, with the mission of "making lung cancer and lung disease history," uniting women to stand together with a collective strength and determination to lead the fight against lung cancer and for lung health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 12-19, 2014 as

Women's Lung Health Week

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 seventeenth day of April, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Wright

Secretary of State