



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children 1-14 years of age and this tragic disease is detected in nearly 10,000 of our country's young people less than 15 years of age each and every year; and

WHEREAS, every year, over 1,300 children less than 15 years of age lose his or her battle with cancer; many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer;

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

Childhood 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 July, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Wright

Secretary of State