



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is among the least understood of all the major cancers; 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 slightly over seven percent; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is projected to be the second deadliest cancer by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2014, 46,420 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and 39,590 will die from the disease, and about 70% of patients will die within the first year of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act, which became law last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plan, for pancreatic cancer and other "recalcitrant" 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 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, 2014 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 sixteenth day of July, 2014.

Governor

Secretary of State