



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths among cancer types that affect both men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, every four minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every 10 minutes, someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, only 40 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at a localized stage when the person's chances of surviving 5 years are 90 percent, however about 20% of all people are diagnosed at the distant stage when the cancer has spread to other organs and 5-year survival is only 13 percent; and

WHEREAS, there are colorectal cancer screening methods, e.g. colonoscopy, that can very effectively diagnose colorectal cancer when it is localized before it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, it is generally recommended that all Americans should have their first colorectal cancer screening exam, e.g. colonoscopy, at the age of 50 or soon thereafter; and

WHEREAS, this month provides an opportunity to promote education on the importance of early detection and screening;

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

Colorectal 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 first day of November, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State