



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, stomach cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer worldwide; and

WHEREAS, out of about 22,600 new cases a year in the U.S., about 45% will die in the first year after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, about one third of stomach cancers are diagnosed at distant stage when the cancer has spread to other parts of the body and these individuals have only about a 4 percent chance of surviving 5 years beyond their cancer diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, it is estimated that more than 74,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS, the overall 5-year relative survival rate for stomach cancer is only 29 percent even though stomach cancer mortality rates have decreased over the past 30 years;

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

Stomach 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 twenty-eighth day of October, 2014.



Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State