



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer kills, on average, 158,000 Americans every year, more than any other form of cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, while smoking is the most common cause of lung cancer; secondhand smoke exposure, radon, asbestos, and genetic disorders have long been known to cause lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, although avoiding exposure to these carcinogens--e.g. cigarette smoke, asbestos, air pollution, etc.- is the best way to prevent lung cancer, people cannot always avoid them because they are so widespread; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 10-15% of lung cancer cases occur in people who have never smoked, and about half of all lung cancers occur in former smokers; and

**WHEREAS**, the five-year survival rate for lung cancer is only about 16-17 percent, among the lowest of all types of cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer greatly improves survival rates; however, most cases are not diagnosed until later stages; and

**WHEREAS**, Free to Breathe, a lung cancer advocacy organization made up of physicians and researchers working together with survivors and advocates, is dedicated to doubling the five-year lung cancer survival rate in the US by 2022;

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

*Lung 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-fourth day of October, 2014.

*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

*Joe Ruggitt*

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Secretary of State

