



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, brain tumors both primary (originating in brain tissue) and secondary (originating in other parts of the body that metastasize to the brain) are diagnosed in more than 220,000 Americans of all ages, races, socio-economic status and gender each year and continue to rise annually; and

WHEREAS, malignant brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer with just a 34% five-year relative survival rate and are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children under the age of 14; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1,600 people in Tennessee will be diagnosed with a brain tumor and 324 will die from a brain tumor in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to major facilities, such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center and others that focus on research to find better treatments, a cure for brain tumors and a higher quality of life for brain tumor patients; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for targeted research, as well as education about the impact brain tumors have on patients and their families' lives are critical to support and action for a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2015 as

Brain Tumor 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-fifth day of March, 2015.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Wright

Secretary of State