



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women and in every ethnic group in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer takes the lives of more Americans each year than breast, prostate and colon cancers combined; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee has one of the highest lung cancer rates in the country and

**WHEREAS**, while smoking is the most common cause of lung cancer; second-hand 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**, more than 80% of new lung cancer cases are diagnosed at a later state; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer greatly improves survival rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Lung Association is committed in the fight against lung cancer through advocacy, education and research;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2015 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 seventh day of October, 2015.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State