



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin form of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related death among men; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Cancer Society, there will be an estimated 180,000 new cases of prostate cancer nationally in the year 2016, and there will be an estimated 26,000 deaths from prostate cancer in this same year; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 37,650 new cases of cancer this year in Tennessee, and 3,370 cases of prostate cancer, which will result in an estimated 540 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the factors that contribute to the development and progression of prostate cancer into an aggressive disease are not fully understood, and additional research is important to refine the screening and treatment of prostate cancer, and to ensure efficient delivery of these health care services by a unified standard of care; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, prostate cancer accounted for an estimated 9.6 percent of the nation's cost of cancer care, and received about 2 percent of the funds allocated by the National Cancer Institute for cancer research in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the NCI SEER data finds that between 2005-2009, the median age for prostate cancer diagnosis was 66 years old and 43.3 percent of the newly diagnosed prostate cancers affect men between the ages of 35 and 65, during their prime years at work; and

**WHEREAS**, at any age, deaths due to prostate cancer can devastate families through loss of income, partnership and support;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016, as

*Prostate 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 July, 2016.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State