



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, the vast majority of new lung cancer cases are diagnosed at a later stage; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 2021 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 tenth day of February, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State