



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare began serving the greater Memphis area on June 23, 1918; and

WHEREAS, more than a century ago, founder John Sherard, Sr., a Mississippi planter, traveled to Memphis on business and upon discovering that his Methodist pastor was sick and being treated in the charity ward of a hospital sponsored by another faith, decided to open a Methodist hospital that would provide outstanding care for all regardless of ability to pay, thereby changing the course of medical history in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare remains steadfastly committed to its faith-based mission to collaborate with patients and their families to be the leader in providing high-quality, cost-effective patient- and family-centered care in a manner which supports the health ministries and Social Principles of The United Methodist Church to benefit the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, after a century of innovations, expansions and partnerships, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare continues to grow and is a leader in using data to drive quality at its five adult hospitals which include a world-class transplant institute, cancer care center, and innovative cardiac programs, and the nationally recognized Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, as well many additional sites of care including primary care and specialty physician practices, minor medical centers, surgery centers, outpatient facilities, hospice and home health; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare is more than \$5 Billion in addition to supporting nearly 37,000 jobs in the Mid-South; and

WHEREAS, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare's Vision is to be nationally recognized for excellence in clinical quality, patient safety and compassionate care to improve every life we touch; and

WHEREAS, Methodist Le Bonheur, in celebrating a century of innovation, also remains dedicated to the future of medicine in service to the people of our great state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby recognize the year 2018 as the

*100th Anniversary of
Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare*

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 eighteenth day of June, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Vergitt in blue ink.

Secretary of State

