



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and

WHEREAS, LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is not really one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 25 sub-types currently identified; and

WHEREAS, LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females; and

WHEREAS, LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence or adulthood; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by LGMD may experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease, though there is still no known cure or treatment; and

WHEREAS, a global collaborative of LGMD focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in the state of Tennessee will participate in that observance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2018 as

*Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy
Awareness Day*

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-third day of August, 2018.

Governor

Secretary of State