



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) is the most common inherited peripheral neuropathy disorder, affecting approximately 1 in 2,500 people worldwide, including around 2,500 people in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, CMT is characterized by a slow and progressive degeneration of the muscles in the foot, lower leg, and forearm, extending to weakness in the hands and loss of muscle tone; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University Medical Center has a clinic which sees patients that have CMT coming from Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, West Virginia and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the past year has brought significant strides through the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA) STAR (Strategy to Accelerate Research) Initiative's research and development of therapies for CMT, including a new drug for CMT1A with a member of Vanderbilt's staff training others with the results from the Belmont Grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CMTA is to provide grassroots support for local citizens facing the daily challenges of living with CMT; and

WHEREAS, CMTA branches in Tennessee encourage local members of the community to rally around their neighbors and make a commitment to educating the public about CMT;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2019 as

Charcot Marie Tooth 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-third day of January, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State

