



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, also known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, skin, and brain cancers; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to several cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early age of onset; and

WHEREAS, persons affected by Lynch Syndrome have an up to 82% lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer; up to 60% lifetime risk for endometrial cancer; up to 24% risk for ovarian cancer; up to 13% lifetime risk for stomach cancer; up to 4% lifetime risk for urinary tract cancer; and so forth; and

WHEREAS, geneticists have projected that around 1,400,000 persons throughout the U.S. live with Lynch syndrome, since about one out of every 226 persons have Lynch Syndrome, which is generally underdiagnosed in the clinical setting, leaving many persons vulnerable to develop cancer; and

WHEREAS, it is important for individuals to know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary, qualifying affected individuals for regular screening to potentially prevent other cancers from becoming life threatening; and

WHEREAS, having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2019 as

*Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer
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-ninth day of January, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Hargett".

Secretary of State

