



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1919, an organization now known as Easterseals was formed to highlight and address the health care and service needs of children with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1945, Easterseals expanded its children's-focused mission by opening its programs and services to include adults to meet the emerging and increasing needs of returning World War II veterans and other adults with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, Easterseals has strongly advocated for essential services and supports for individuals with disabilities and diverse needs, including by authoring a 1931 "Bill of Rights" for children with disabilities that led to government-funded disability services and by increasing public awareness and support through its successful "seals" and other national campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, Easterseals is a strong partner with federal, state, and local governments, corporations, foundations, and other sectors to provide or connect individuals and families to early childhood education and intervention services, employment assistance and placement, transportation solutions, mental health services, respite, camping and recreation, and caregiving and aging supports; and

**WHEREAS**, Easterseals continues the mission and commitment to service envisioned by its founder, Edgar Allen;

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

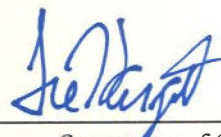
*Easterseals 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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 eighth day of February, 2019.



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Governor



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Secretary of State

