



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Heterotaxy Syndrome is a congenital condition that affects the development, placement and presence of internal organs; and

**WHEREAS**, the public is largely unaware of Heterotaxy Syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, Heterotaxy Syndrome affects many body systems and requires a team of many specialists for treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, families may struggle to educate medical teams and may be the only common thread between medical specialties; and

**WHEREAS**, Mortality for those with Heterotaxy Syndrome is relatively high; and

**WHEREAS**, those with Heterotaxy Syndrome that survive to adulthood find their condition largely unknown to their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and to know they are not alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Heterotaxy Syndrome;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2019 as

*Heterotaxy Syndrome 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 first day of March, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State