



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, preeclampsia, including HELLP syndrome and eclampsia, is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal and/or infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby, and

WHEREAS, approximately 25% of diagnoses of preeclampsia may result in severe, life-threatening consequences to a pregnant woman and her baby, and

WHEREAS, public education as to the signs and symptoms of preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome and eclampsia can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care, and

WHEREAS, prenatal education should include recognition of those signs and symptoms (spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of face and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision, persistent headaches, breathlessness), and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Tennessee have joined with the Preeclampsia Foundation to raise public awareness in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia;

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

Preeclampsia 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 eighteenth day of March, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State