



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Children's Special Services Program is to provide comprehensive services and eliminate health barriers and disparities for children with special health care needs in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Special Services Program provides medical reimbursement and care coordination for children under 21 years of age who have a physical disability by any reason and who are or may be totally or partially incapacitated for the receipt of a normal education or for self-support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Special Services Program is intended to assure children in this population are identified early and receive high quality coordinated care and support for their families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 200,000 children in the state of Tennessee currently have a special health care need, and services are being provided in the state's 95 local health departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Special Services Program started in Memphis, Tennessee in 1919 in the first Crippled Children's Home, and the Crippled Children's Act of 1929 authorized diagnostic and operative clinics to be run by the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Special Services Program will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing services to Tennessee's physically disabled children May 1- 3, 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 1-3, 2019 as the

*Children's Special Services  
Centennial Celebration*

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 seventeenth day of April, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hays*

Secretary of State