



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 2200 individuals born with gastroschisis in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown; and

WHEREAS, many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected including but not limited to failure to thrive/slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) is organizing a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2019 and

WHEREAS, the son of the founder of Avery's Angels, Avery John Rauen, passed away from complications of his Gastroschisis on July 30, 2009 at UNC hospital, and this date was selected to commemorate him and all others living with or deceased from gastroschisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2019 as

Gastroschisis 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 thirty-first day of May, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Rhea

Secretary of State

