



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita is a condition that causes many joints to be stiff and crooked at birth; and

**WHEREAS**, a newborn with Arthrogryposis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints, also called a joint contracture; and

**WHEREAS**, joint contractures develop before birth (prenatally) and are evident at birth (congenitally); and

**WHEREAS**, joints that can be affected by AMC include the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, the jaw and the spine; and

**WHEREAS**, arthrogryposis may occur in up to 1 in 3,000 live births; and

**WHEREAS**, while arthrogryposis is not curable it can be treatable to promote as much independence as possible in actives of daily living;

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

*Arthrogryposis 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 twenty-fourth day of June, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State