



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, around one half-million babies per year in the U.S. are born preterm and are often admitted to neonatal intensive care units; and

WHEREAS, families of NICU babies struggle to find resources, support, and education; and

WHEREAS, funding for research into the causes of a NICU stay as well as the holistic care of NICU families is vital; and

WHEREAS, NICU Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by NICUs to share their story, honor dedicated health professionals, and fellowship with others so that these families can know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of NICU Awareness Month will also provide visibility to research that improves the quality of life for NICU babies and their parents;

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

Neonatal Intensive Care 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-ninth day of July, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State