



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and

WHEREAS, LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is not really one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 25 sub-types currently identified; and

WHEREAS, LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females; and

WHEREAS, LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence or adulthood; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by LGMD may experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease, though there is still no known cure or treatment; and

WHEREAS, a global collaborative of LGMD focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in the state of Tennessee will participate in that observance;

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

Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 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-eighth day of August, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State