



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy (Duchenne) is one of the most common fatal genetic disorders diagnosed in childhood, affecting approximately one in every 5,000 live male births each year; and

WHEREAS, since the Duchenne gene is found on the X-chromosome, it primarily affects boys; however, it occurs across all races and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Duchenne results in progressive loss of strength and is caused by a mutation in the gene that encodes for dystrophin; and

WHEREAS, because dystrophin is absent, the muscle cells are easily damaged; and the progressive muscle weakness leads to serious medical problems, particularly issues relating to the heart and lungs; and

WHEREAS, Duchenne can be passed from parent to child, but approximately one-third of cases occur because of a random spontaneous mutation; and

WHEREAS, although there are medical treatments that may help slow its progression, there is currently no cure for Duchenne; and

WHEREAS, because it is a rare disease, one of our greatest tools in the fight to end Duchenne is raising awareness; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2019, the fifth World Duchenne Awareness Day will take place, and Duchenne organizations around the world will raise awareness for all people living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2019 as

Duchenne 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-seventh day of August, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State