



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Chronic Recurrent Multifocal Osteomyelitis (CRMO) is a rare, non-infectious autoinflammatory disease in which the immune system wrongly attacks healthy bone tissue causing inflammation leading to varying degrees of disability, pain, and mobility issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the cause of CRMO is unknown and currently there are no FDA-approved treatments nor a standard course of treatment among medical providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of bone lesions and severity and duration of symptoms associated with CRMO varies greatly among individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals suffering with CRMO must endure frequent MRIs, lab tests, physical therapy, anti-inflammatory drugs, and many off-label drugs that can have devastating side effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRMO community is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about this disease in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, CRMO Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise public consciousness of this illness so that the hope for a cure can become a reality;

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

## *Chronic Recurrent Multifocal Osteomyelitis (CRMO) Awareness Month*

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 tenth day of September, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Richard R. Roberts*

Secretary of State