



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT Deficiency or Alpha-1) is a serious hereditary disorder that can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults or in lung disease in adults; and

WHEREAS, a single deficient gene that causes alpha-AS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 100,000 Americans have a severe deficiency of AA T and up to 25 million people in the U.S. carry a deficient gene that may cause a reduced level of AA T function and which may be passed on to their children; and

WHEREAS, a diagnosis can be made using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and often misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, an awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate and public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition;

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

*Alpha-1 Antitrypsin
Deficiency 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 twenty-sixth day of September, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Kergett

Secretary of State