



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, mastocytosis and other mast cell diseases are disorders that impact immune system cells called mast cells that live in the bone marrow and other body tissues; and

WHEREAS, everyone has mast cells, but some individuals have cells that activate inappropriately in response to triggers;

WHEREAS, mastocytosis, affects both children and adults and is caused by the accumulation of mast cells in the skin and/or internal organs; and

WHEREAS, individuals affected by mastocytosis may suffer from a variety of symptoms including itching, hives, and anaphylactic shock; and

WHEREAS, these symptoms can change over time, vary in intensity from mild to severe, and are often similar to those of an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS, while there is not yet a cure for these disorders, therapies may be available and individuals should consult with their physician to determine the most effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, it is important to work toward increasing awareness among the medical community, educational facilities, and the public at large about these disorders in order to improve care and inspire research to cure these disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2019 as

*Mastocytosis and Mast Cell
Diseases 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 nineteenth day of September, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lucretia Hargett

Secretary of State