



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

**WHEREAS**, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a rare disorder causing intolerable blood pressure levels in the arteries between the lungs and heart; and

**WHEREAS**, without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple treatments are available for PH but it takes patients an average of nearly 3 years to be accurately diagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, PH patients who are diagnosed earlier have a longer life-expectancy; and

**WHEREAS**, education can help with early diagnosis and more research can help find a cure;

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

*Pulmonary Hypertension  
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 second day of October, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State