



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the 5p- Society of North America, along with support organizations from around the world, have designated May 1 through May 10, 2020 as International Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, May 5 has been designated internationally as Cri Du Chat Syndrome Day; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with Cri Du Chat Syndrome should be recognized for what they can do versus what they cannot do; and

**WHEREAS**, each year in the United States alone, approximately 50-60 children are born with 5p- Syndrome (five p minus), also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri Du Chat Syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, "5p-" is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, some common characteristics of Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth are a high pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and other potential medical complications; and

**WHEREAS**, children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to help the child achieve his or her maximum potential;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 1 – May 10, 2020 as

*Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week*

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-eighth day of January, 2020.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*J. D. Ragsdale*

Secretary of State