



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, approximately 108,000 adults and children in Tennessee have developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities share with all Tennesseans the desire to achieve education, meaningful work, and family and community ties; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities deserve equal opportunities to enjoy and contribute to their local communities alongside their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans have valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and make decisions, and important contributions to make to our communities; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is therefore committed to supporting and equipping communities to become inclusive places for people with disabilities to pursue their goals and dreams; and

WHEREAS, "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" is an appropriate time to recognize Tennessee's commitment to public policy that promotes full participation of citizens with disabilities and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

*Developmental Disabilities
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 thirty-first day of January, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Kergett

Secretary of State