



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are 120,000 Tennesseans living with Alzheimer's Disease, the most common form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, by 2025, 140,000 Tennesseans are projected to be living with Alzheimer's Disease; and

WHEREAS, there are over 440,000 Tennessee caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias who provide unpaid care valued at \$6.628 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, according to CDC National Center for Health Statistics data (2017), Alzheimer's Disease is the fifth leading cause of all deaths in Tennessee and Tennessee has the second highest Alzheimer's death rate in America;

WHEREAS, as Governor of Tennessee, I signed into law Public Chapter No. 364 in May 2019 creating the Tennessee Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Advisory Council submitted the first Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia State Plan in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability is working to create a dementia-capable home and community-based service system for those living with dementia and their caregivers across Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2020 as

*Alzheimer's Disease and Related
Dementia 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 twelfth day of September, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Hergett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

