



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 2020 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 sixteenth day of October, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Kuntz

Secretary of State