



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Williams Syndrome is a rare genetic condition that is present at birth, affects as many as 30,000 individuals in the United States and is characterized by medical and cognitive problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Syndrome Association (WSA), founded in 1982, is a nonprofit organization and resource for people and families living with Williams Syndrome, as well as for doctors, researchers, and educators; and

WHEREAS, the WSA has organized May as "Williams Syndrome Awareness Month" across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Syndrome Association and the families and friends of those with Williams Syndrome should be commended for their hard work, compassion, and courage for educating the country about this rare disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

Williams Syndrome 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 twenty-first day of April, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Wargent".

Secretary of State

