



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) is the most common inherited peripheral neuropathy disorder, affecting approximately 1 in 2,500 people worldwide, including as many as 3,000 people in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, CMT is characterized by a slow and progressive degeneration of the muscles in the foot, lower leg, and forearm, extending to weakness in the hands and loss of muscle tone; and

**WHEREAS**, significant advancements have been made through the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA) STAR (Strategy to Accelerate Research) Initiatives research and development of therapies for CMT, including a new drug for CMT1A with a member of Vanderbilt's staff training others with the results from the Belmont Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the CMTA is to provide grassroots support for local citizens facing the daily challenges of living with CMT; and

**WHEREAS**, CMTA branches in Tennessee encourage local members of the community to rally around their neighbors and make a commitment to educating the public about CMT;

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

*Charcot Marie Tooth 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-ninth day of July, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Mangat*

Secretary of State