



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 357,000 Tennessee caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias who provide unpaid care valued at \$6.623 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has the highest percentage of adults who are dementia caregivers; and

WHEREAS, dementia deaths in Tennessee during the COVID-19 pandemic were 17.7% higher than average; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of Tennessee, I signed into law Public Chapter No. 364 in May 2019 creating the Tennessee Alzheimer' 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 revision in 2021; 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, 2021 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 ninth day of September, 2021.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

