



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD is not really one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 25 sub-types currently identified; and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females; and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence or adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and families affected by LGMD may experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

**WHEREAS**, research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease, though there is still no known cure or treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, a global collaborative of LGMD focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in the state of Tennessee will participate in that observance;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2021 as

## *Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 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 thirteenth day of September, 2021.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jodi Hargett".

Secretary of State

