



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, cholangiocarcinoma is a rare form of cancer. The 5-year survival rate ranges from 2-25%, depending on how far the cancer has spread; and

WHEREAS, cholangiocarcinoma starts in the bile duct, a thin tube, about 4 to 5 inches long, that reaches from the liver to the small intestine; and

WHEREAS, there are three types of cholangiocarcinoma: Intrahepatic, extrahepatic, and perihilar, and the mortality rate has increased dramatically in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 10,000 people in the United States develop cholangiocarcinoma each year, and most people who develop cholangiocarcinoma are 65 or older; and

WHEREAS, the chances of survival for patients with bile duct cancer depends to a large extent on its location and how advanced it is when it is found; and

WHEREAS, patients are typically diagnosed at a late stage due to no validated early method of detection. Symptoms include jaundice, abdominal pain, itchy skin, and weight loss; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for cholangiocarcinoma/bile duct cancer; and

WHEREAS, increased cholangiocarcinoma advocacy, awareness, research, and education will bring improved outcomes for patients in earlier detection and treatment and potential curative methods;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2022, as

Cholangiocarcinoma 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 sixth day of December, 2021.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott W. Fitzgerald".

Secretary of State