



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, cancer is diagnosed each year in about 400,000 children and adolescents ages 19 and under worldwide; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children 1-14 years of age; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer affects all ethnic groups, socioeconomic classes, and geographical regions; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in the heart of Memphis, Tennessee, is internationally recognized for its pioneering research and treatment of children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude was founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, and became pivotal in one of the great success stories in modern medicine-transforming the most common form of childhood cancer from a virtual death sentence into a treatable disease; and

WHEREAS, treatments developed at St. Jude have helped push the overall survival rate for childhood cancer from 20% when the hospital opened in 1962 to more than 80% today in the United States; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude freely shares the breakthroughs it makes with researchers around the world; and

WHEREAS, through the establishment of St. Jude Global, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is extending its mission to improve the survival rates of children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases worldwide through the sharing of knowledge, technology, and organizational skills; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a leader in understanding the long-term effects of childhood cancer treatment and pursuing improved treatments that ensure the best possible quality of life for survivors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to pediatric cancer research, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a leader in sickle cell disease research and is a globally prominent research center for influenza; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will celebrate 60 years on February 4th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a critical national and global resource and a point of great pride for Tennessee;

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

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 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 twelfth day of February 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State