

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma is an extremely rare cancer that impacts approximately 1 in a million people annually. Many doctors and oncologists may never see a single case during their careers. The rarity and decreased awareness of Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma can result in a delay of diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma is an extremely aggressive cancer with a very poor prognosis. There is only one FDA-approved medication. Data demonstrating its effectiveness has been mixed. Increased awareness, funding, and research could lead to further advances in diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma has not seen a recent major treatment breakthrough; and

WHEREAS, Adrenal Cancer treatment can be very disabling, and this disability can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship. There are few medical centers in the United States well-equipped to diagnose and treat Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma. The travel to and from these facilities can place extremely difficult demands upon very sick patients; and

WHEREAS, Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma, even when removed surgically, often recurs and has a very poor prognosis, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, find appropriate medical care at a Center of Excellence, raise awareness within the medical community, fund research, and foster support for individuals and families coping with Adrenal Cancer;

THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 2022, as

Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma 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 twelfth day of January 2022.

Governor

Secretary of State