



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is a progressive, destructive, inherited disorder that causes children and adults to experience many symptoms that diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death in adults due to strokes, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that results in buildup of lipids in the body causing cell and organ damage; and

WHEREAS, there are two approved treatments available, but because the disease is severely under-diagnosed, many people live without an accurate diagnosis or opportunity for treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening has now been performed in several countries and has provided new information about the prevalence of Fabry. Mutations associated with classic Fabry have been identified in approximately 1:22,000 to 1:40,000 males, and mutations associated with late-onset Fabry have been identified in approximately 1:1,000 to 1:3,000 males and 1:6,000 to 1:40,000 females. This is in contrast to earlier prevalence estimates of 1:40,000-1:117,000 in males; and

WHEREAS, health care providers and families should be aware of the many Fabry disease symptoms and that, if it is suspected, genetic testing can confirm the presence of this treatable disorder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby declare April 2022 as

Fabry Disease 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 first day of March, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Hargrett

Secretary of State