



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease, which has a distinctive impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, MSA affects approximately 16,500 Americans; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and

WHEREAS, there are some medications that treat the symptoms and some clinical trials for the development of improved treatment, but much more research is needed for better management of the disease and ultimately, a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA and to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure; and

WHEREAS, March has been proclaimed as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month among the MSA worldwide community in dealing with the devastating effects of MSA;

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

Multiple System Atrophy 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 second day of March, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lois Hargrett

Secretary of State