



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, during the month of March, "Trisomy Awareness Month" is observed to encourage citizens to increase their awareness of Trisomy, a genetic disorder that deeply affects families; and

WHEREAS, trisomy is the presence within a person's cells of a single extra chromosome, yielding a total of three chromosomes instead of a pair. As a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with any of the 23 pairs of chromosomes individuals have; and

WHEREAS, the most common trisomies in newborns are trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome), and trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome); and

WHEREAS, local support groups, medical professionals and online communities offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children; and

WHEREAS, now is the time for all Tennesseans to educate themselves on all forms of trisomy, support families currently experiencing trisomy, and participate in helping people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential;

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

Trisomy 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 eighth day of March, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Hargis

Secretary of State