



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the 5p- Society of North America, along with support organizations from over 30 countries around the world are proud to announce that May 1 through May 10, 2022 will be designated as International Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, May 5 has been designated internationally as Cri du Chat Syndrome Day; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with Cri Du Chat deserve to be recognized for what they can do versus what they cannot do and our hope is that we can raise awareness of Cri Du Chat Syndrome by spreading our message to each and every person we meet; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p- Syndrome (five p minus), also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri du Chat Syndrome. Some common characteristics of Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth are a high-pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and potential medical complications. "5p-" is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of Cri Du Chat Awareness Week is to end the outdated misinformation given to families when their child is diagnosed with Cri Du Chat; and

WHEREAS, children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to help the child achieve his or her maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, there are many families with family members with Cri Du Chat living in Tennessee with the syndrome that are members of the 5p- Society and over 1,000 families in the Country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2022 as

Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Day

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 May, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jo Knight

Secretary of State