



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic illness which affects up to 5 million people in the United States, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH); and

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is "paralysis of the stomach" and is characterized by symptoms such as pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnutrition, dehydration, extreme weight fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

WHEREAS, there is little awareness, no known cure, and few consistently safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments; and

WHEREAS, we seek further research, improved medications, additional treatment options, and better support; and

WHEREAS, we seek to educate the citizens of our state, the medical community, and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of our condition for the good of the public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, hereby proclaim the month of August 2022 as

Gastroparesis 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 fifth day of July, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Kergett".

Secretary of State

