



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, lissencephaly is a rare gene-linked brain malformation which causes the brain to have less or no ridges and folds, making it appear smooth; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated about 1 in 100,000 individuals are born with this condition; and

**WHEREAS**, people living with this condition may suffer from hypertonia, epilepsy, swallowing difficulties, and developmental delays; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children at home; and

**WHEREAS**, more education, awareness, and support for families are desperately needed; and

**WHEREAS**, nonprofits and charitable organizations are available to help support these individuals through continued efforts of empowering families and educating communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2022, as

## *Lissencephaly 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 twenty-second day of July, 2022.



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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State