



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, each year in the United States more than 15,780 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before their twentieth birthday, with this number increasing each year; and

WHEREAS, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, equal to about every 3 minutes a family will hear the words 'Your child has cancer'; and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 84 percent, nearly 1,500 American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

WHEREAS, two thirds that do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life – including, but not limited to, heart, liver, and lung damage; infertility; secondary cancers; and growth deficits; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors; and

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of children being treated for cancer in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is a caring state and community that supports children and families;

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

Childhood Cancer 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 thirtieth day of August, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Reger

Secretary of State