WHEREAS, leukodystrophies are a group of rare, genetic disorders that affect the white matter of the brain and nervous system affecting an estimated 1 in 7,000 people; and

WHEREAS, for Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), the incidence is estimated to be 1 in 100,000 births in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for Krabbe disease, the incidence is estimated to be 1 in 100,000 births in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), the incidence is estimated to be 1 in 15,000 individuals worldwide; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening and early diagnostic measures are important to ensure that leukodystrophy families have an opportunity for timely diagnosis and guidance from a healthcare professional; and

WHEREAS, improved awareness and education around leukodystrophies will increase parental awareness of newborn screenings for leukodystrophies;

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

Leukodystrophy 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 thirty-first day of August, 2022.

Bill Lee
Governor

Jim Nagy
Secretary of State