



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, about half a million babies are admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) every year; and

**WHEREAS**, families of NICU babies struggle to find resources, support, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for research into the causes of a NICU stay as well as the holistic care of NICU families is vital; and

**WHEREAS**, NICU Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by the NICU to share their stories, honor dedicated health professionals, and meet others and know they are not alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of NICU Awareness Day will also provide visibility into research that improves the quality of life for NICU babies and their parents;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2022 as

## *NICU 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 sixth day of September, 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