WHEREAS, Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and

WHEREAS, LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS, LGMD isn’t really one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 20 sub-types currently identified; and

WHEREAS, LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females; and

WHEREAS, LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence, or in adulthood; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease however there is still no known cure or treatment;

WHEREAS, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments;

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

Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 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 thirteenth day of September 2022.

[Signature]
Governor

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Secretary of State