



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, cholangiocarcinoma starts in the bile duct; and

**WHEREAS**, the two types of cholangiocarcinoma are intrahepatic and perihilar; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms include jaundice, abdominal pain, itchy skin, and weight loss; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 8,000 people in the United States develop cholangiocarcinoma each year and are older than 65; and

**WHEREAS**, patients are typically diagnosed at a late stage as there is no valid early method of detection; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no cure for cholangiocarcinoma/bile duct cancer; and the mortality rate has increased dramatically over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration approved durvalumab (Imfinzi) creating a new standard of care for cholangiocarcinoma patients; and

**WHEREAS**, increased advocacy, awareness, research, and education about cholangiocarcinoma will improve patient outcomes through earlier detection and treatment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as

*Cholangiocarcinoma 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 first day of February 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargrett*

Secretary of State

