



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, trisomy is the presence within a person's cells of a single extra chromosome, yielding a total of three chromosomes instead of a pair. As a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with any of an individual's 23 pairs of chromosomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the most common trisomies in newborns are trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome), and trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome); and

**WHEREAS**, local support groups, medical professionals, and online communities offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children; and

**WHEREAS**, through increased awareness and education on all forms of trisomy, Tennesseans will be better equipped to support families currently experiencing trisomy, and participate in helping people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential;

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

## *Trisomy 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 seventh day of February 2023.

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