



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, narcolepsy is a chronic neurological disorder caused by the brain's inability to regulate sleep-wake cycles; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy is an under-recognized and under diagnosed condition; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of narcolepsy, especially when undiagnosed, can lead to accidents, injuries, and problems learning, and working; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects people neurologically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects people of all ages, with onset typically between the ages of 15 and 25; and

WHEREAS, on average, it takes a patient over six years to be diagnosed with narcolepsy after first experiencing symptoms; and

WHEREAS, research shows that narcolepsy patients have an increased prevalence of high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, patients diagnosed with narcolepsy benefit from trained providers to address their comorbidities and treat additional underlying health concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 11, 2023 as

Narcolepsy 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 twenty-seventh day of February 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Sebastian

Secretary of State