



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a lifelong, rare genetic disorder that affects the patient's bones, joints, teeth, hearing, muscles, and/or nervous system; and

WHEREAS, XLH affects about one in 20,000 newborns according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and

WHEREAS, the effects of the disease can cause serious and debilitating symptoms that have a major impact on the lives of those people who suffer from XLH and their families; and

WHEREAS, patients affected by XLH and their families often encounter a variety of problems outside the illness itself, such as difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, XLH is not a curable disease, however, dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that a cure will be found one day; and

WHEREAS, educational programs must be public and constant so that new parents and health providers can be exposed to the most up-to-date information; and

WHEREAS, The XLH Network Inc is a non-profit organization in support of caregivers and patients affected by XLH;

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

XLH 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 fifth day of May 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State