



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Lissencephaly is a rare gene-linked brain malformation, causing the brain to have fewer or no ridges & folds; making it appear smooth; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that about 1 in 100,000 individuals are born with this condition; and

WHEREAS, people living with this condition may also suffer from hypertonia, epilepsy, swallowing disorders, developmental delays, and more; and

WHEREAS, addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children at home; and

WHEREAS, increased education, awareness, and support for families is desperately needed; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit charitable organizations are available to help support these individuals through continued efforts of empowering families and educating communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim September 8, 2023 as

Lissencephaly 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 fifth day of June 2023.



Bill Lee

Governor

Judith S. Sargent

Secretary of State