



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and

WHEREAS, most commonly affected by LGMD are muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is not just one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, and neuromuscular disorders with over 30 sub-types currently identified; and

WHEREAS, the onset of LGMD symptoms can begin at any age, among both males and females, and in all ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease although there is currently no known cure or treatment; and

WHEREAS, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim September 30, 2023 as

Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 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 September 2023.

Governor

Secretary of State