



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, leukodystrophies are a group of rare, genetic disorders that affect the white matter of the brain and nervous system affecting an estimated 1 in 7,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, for Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), the incidence is estimated to be 1 in 40,000 to 1 in 160,000 individuals worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, for Krabbe disease, the incidence is estimated to be 1 in 100,000 births in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, for X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), the incidence is estimated to be 1 in 15,000 individuals worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, newborn screening and early diagnostic measures are important to ensure that leukodystrophy families have an opportunity for timely diagnosis and guidance from a healthcare professional; and

**WHEREAS**, improved awareness and education around Leukodystrophies will increase parental awareness of newborn screenings for leukodystrophies;

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

*Leukodystrophy 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 eighth day of September, 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Richard R. Roberts*

Secretary of State