



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is a progressive, potentially life-threatening disorder caused by GLA gene variants leading to a damaging buildup of lipids in multiple body organs and systems; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening for Fabry disease has been performed in Tennessee for several years. Studies show a higher prevalence of 1 in 4,128 newborns than previously expected (1 in 50,000). This suggests many children and adults remain undiagnosed and untreated; and

WHEREAS, people with Fabry disease experience chronic pain, temperature sensitivity, and gastrointestinal issues beginning in childhood. Adults experience stroke, kidney and/or heart failure, and hearing loss at young ages; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and treatment are vital to reduce the occurrence of adverse quality of life and life-threatening complications. The FDA has approved three treatments to reduce symptoms and organ damage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

Fabry Disease 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 fourteenth day of January 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Steve Ragan

Secretary of State