



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, trisomy is the presence of an extra copy of a chromosome, yielding three copies of that chromosome instead of a pair. As a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with any of the 23 pairs of chromosomes individuals have; and

**WHEREAS**, the most common trisomy conditions are trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome), and trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome); and

**WHEREAS**, local support groups, medical professionals, and online communities offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children; and

**WHEREAS**, through increased awareness and education on all forms of trisomy, Tennesseans will be better equipped to support families currently experiencing trisomy, and participate in helping people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential;

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

*Trisomy 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 eleventh day of March, 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State