



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including hospitalized patients, minority populations, and older adults; and

WHEREAS, over 2 million hospital stays involve malnutrition per year, and approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed each day; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients have approximately two times longer hospital stays compared to patients without malnutrition and face a higher 30-day hospital readmission; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that malnourished patients have higher hospital costs and a higher in-hospital mortality rate than patients without malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, approximately twenty percent of older adults in the community have malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to addressing malnutrition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of September 16-September 20, 2024, as

Malnutrition Awareness Week

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 twenty-fifth day of June, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State