



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, 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 everyday 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, 2024 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 July, 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Rought*

Secretary of State