



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, sepsis is the body's extreme reaction to almost any type of infection and can cause high heart rate, low blood pressure, shortness of breath, confusion, pain, and/ or fever; and

**WHEREAS**, sepsis is a life-threatening condition, as it can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, or possibly death; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year sepsis affects at least 1.7 million adults in the United States, and at least 350,000 adults who develop sepsis die during their hospitalization or are discharged to hospice; and

**WHEREAS**, young children and the elderly have a higher risk of developing sepsis; and

**WHEREAS**, the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic device "TIME," which stands for Temperature, Infection, Mental decline, and Extremely ill; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment can save lives and improve outcomes of survivors;

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

*Sepsis 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 third day of July 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State

