



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, LGMD most commonly affects 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, LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females; and

WHEREAS, LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence or adulthood; 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 every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease, there is still 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

WHEREAS, a global collaborative of LGMD focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2025 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 eleventh day of September 2025.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Mangatt

Secretary of State