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World Chronic Cough Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chronic Cough is a disease impacting more than 10% of the general population.

WHEREAS, Chronic Cough is often misdiagnosed and under-recognized. It is a disease characterized by frequent bouts of coughing that lasts more than eight weeks.

WHEREAS, Chronic Cough results in physical, mental and social health complications. Chronic Cough can lead to physical exhaustion, disturbed sleep and musculoskeletal issues and in severe cases, can cause vomiting, incontinence, lightheadedness and rib fractures. Anxiety and depression are often a result of the social isolation and embarrassment experienced. The disease often leads to decreased work productivity and increased healthcare costs.

WHEREAS, Chronic Cough can affect anyone. Although there are medical treatments that may help slow its progression, there is currently no cure for Chronic Cough. Awareness of chronic cough as more than just a symptom is our greatest tool to advance care.

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, is the first World Chronic Cough Awareness Day will take place. Respiratory organizations around the world will raise awareness for all people living with Chronic Cough.

THEREFORE I, Bill Lee, GOVERNOR for the state of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2024: World Chronic Cough Day and encourage the residents of Tennessee to increase their understanding and awareness of Chronic Cough.