



PROCLAMATION

World Duchenne Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy (Duchenne) is the most common fatal genetic disorder diagnosed in childhood, affecting approximately one in every 5,000 live males births each year; and

WHEREAS, the Duchenne gene is found on the X-chromosome, it primarily affects boys; however, it occurs across all races and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Duchenne results in progressive loss of strength and is caused by a mutation in the gene that encodes for dystrophin. Because dystrophin is absent, the muscle cells are easily damaged. The progressive muscle weakness leads to serious medical problems, particularly issues relating to the heart and lungs. People with Duchenne are lucky to enter this mid to late twenties; and

WHEREAS, Duchenne can be passed from parent to child, but approximately 35% of cases occur because of a random spontaneous mutation. In other words, it can affect anyone. Although there are medical treatments that may help slow its progression, there is currently no cure for Duchenne.

WHEREAS, because it is a rare disease, one of our greatest tools in the fight to end Duchenne is raising awareness.

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2019, the fifth World Duchenne Awareness Day takes place. Duchenne organizations around the world will raise awareness for all people living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of Franklin, Tennessee do hereby proclaim September 7, 2019 as World Duchenne Awareness Day in the city of Franklin and encourage our residents to increase their understanding and awareness of Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of August 2019.

Dr. Ken Moore
Mayor of Franklin, Tennessee