



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, music is an integral part of Tennessee's culture and heritage, and Tennessee is home to multiple musical genres, including bluegrass, blues, country, rockabilly, rock-and-roll, soul, and southern gospel; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's musical roots were the impetus behind the creation of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development's iconic brand "The Soundtrack of America. Made in Tennessee.", and those roots have helped generate record economic growth from tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code requires that the governor proclaim the last full week in February of each year as "Tennessee Songwriters Week"; and

**WHEREAS**, during this worthy occasion we celebrate the talented songwriters in our state and recognize their accomplishments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of February 17-23, 2019 as

*Tennessee Songwriters Week*

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 seventeenth day of February, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Julie Hargrett*

Secretary of State

