STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Driver Services Division of the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security facilitates the registration process for citizens who are seeking to become organ and tissue donors when they apply for, renew or update a state driver's license or ID; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Driver Services Centers are responsible for registering the vast majority of the organ and tissue donors in our state; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, 449 Tennesseans gave the gift of life through organ donation, saving 1,317 lives, while thousands of lives were improved through tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 individuals are on the waiting list for organ transplants in the U.S. and over 3,075 are waiting in Tennessee, while an average of 20 people in our nation die each day waiting on a transplant; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Driver Services Division, and their counterparts across the country, are working each day to broaden awareness of the enormous, life-changing impact of organ and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, Donate Life Tennessee is joining with Donate Life America in honoring the outstanding efforts of the Driver Services Division of the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security for encouraging and educating Tennesseans on the importance of organ and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, National DMV Appreciation Week has been organized across the country to serve as an opportunity to celebrate the life-saving and life-changing contributions of our nation's motor vehicle service offices to promote organ donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 27 -- October 1, 2021 as

Driver Services Appreciation Week

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 first day of September, 2021.

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Governor

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Secretary of State