



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the National Guard Association of Tennessee (NGATN) is celebrating 100 years of promoting and supporting our national defense, the welfare of Tennessee National Guard members, and stronger relationships between the public and the National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, NGATN advocates for the wellbeing of Tennessee National Guard members and their families while also building strong relationships between service members, civic leaders, and defense industry representatives to ensure the safety and defense of all Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1924, NGATN has helped promote legislative initiatives, at both the State and Federal level, which improved the quality of life for Soldiers and Airmen while improving the security and defense of Tennessee, our fellow states, and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1966, the NGATN Group Insurance Trust has provided life insurance coverage to over 150,000 Guard families and provided insurance claim payments totaling over \$20 million to families of fallen Soldiers and Airmen; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2017, the NGATN Foundation has provided benevolence support to members of the Tennessee National Guard, as well as college scholarship's amounting to over \$300,000 to members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2002, the NGATN has been supported by the Officers and Warrant Officers of the Tennessee National Guard, as evidenced by 100% enrollment in the Association; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the long history of NGATN and its contributions and achievements to our state and military members and families; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby designate February 24, 2024 as a Day of Recognition to honor the

*100th Anniversary of the Founding of the National  
Guard Association of 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 twentieth day of February, 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargis*

Secretary of State