



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the third Saturday in April, "National Auctioneers Day," is recognized by auctioneers across the world as a day to reflect on one of history's oldest professions and celebrate the profession's rich history and traditions, as well as its future; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses and nations have depended on the professional services of auctioneers for centuries, entrusting auctioneers with their most valued and prized possessions for sale; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate National Auctioneers Day to commemorate the profession's history and celebrate work of those who built the foundation for this industry's future; and

**WHEREAS**, auctions and the age-old profession of auctioneering continue to grow every year, and it is estimated that approximately a quarter-trillion dollars in goods and services are sold by live auctions every year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, online or on the lawn (and on television), auctions continue to grow in popularity with consumers, with bidders enjoying the thrill of competition with an auction and the rush that comes with the chase for treasures; and

**WHEREAS**, auctions can be effective and efficient means of turning assets into cash quickly, as well as a source of fun and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Auctioneers Association and its members strive to advance the auction method of marketing and upholding the highest standards of the professionalism in serving the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the state of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2019 as

*Auctioneers Day*

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 thirteenth day of February, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Kergett*

Secretary of State

