



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service as volunteer firefighters in their communities; and

WHEREAS, these individuals daily face the rigors of corporal imperilment in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's fire departments, and volunteer firefighters, are dedicated to saving lives and property from the devastating effects of fire and are joined by the concerned citizens and government officials of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of those brave men and women who have put their lives on the line while fighting fires, and those who have lost that battle in order to save and protect their fellow citizens, the state of Tennessee is proud to dedicate a special week to remember and honor these fire heroes; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 15-2-121 requires that the Governor proclaim the first full week of March of each year as "Volunteer Firefighters Week";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of March 3-9, 2019 as

Volunteer Firefighters 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 fourth day of March, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargrett

Secretary of State

