



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, gardeners have a passion for nurturing beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

**WHEREAS**, gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

**WHEREAS**, gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

**WHEREAS**, gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of life and teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across our state to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 2-8, 2019 as

*Garden 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 twenty-ninth day of April, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State

