



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 1935, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt officially proclaimed “World Trade Week” as a national observance by the U.S. Government; and

WHEREAS, every year since, the President of the United States has declared the third full week in May as World Trade Week; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating this occasion during Tennessee World Trade Month, trade organizations, businesses and other stakeholders will come together to promote and facilitate international trade in the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, the federally appointed Tennessee District Export Councils are using this opportunity to build recognition and awareness and to highlight the role of trade in our own state’s economy; and

WHEREAS, the trade partnerships between the federal and state agencies of the U.S. Commercial Service, the Tennessee Small Business Development Center - International Trade Center, and Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development come together to collaborate on trade promotions; and

WHEREAS, these same partners offer a full agenda of educational seminars and global business networking events across the state and honor exemplary achievements to practitioners in the field; and

WHEREAS, this event will highlight the link between international trade and transportation and the region’s economic well-being, celebrate companies and organizations succeeding in the global marketplace, and acknowledge their contribution to the region’s economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

World Trade Month

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 May, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State