



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the American colonists that rebelled against British rule in the pursuit of independence during the Revolutionary War are referred to as Patriots; and

**WHEREAS**, these Patriots, inspired by their desires for freedom and liberty, united together for a common cause despite diverse social and economic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, these Patriots made tremendous sacrifices, and many gave their lives, all in pursuit of the unalienable Rights endowed by their Creator; and

**WHEREAS**, the Patriots exercised intelligence, determination, and perseverance in order to establish the independence of these United States; and

**WHEREAS**, these men and women established the foundations of our great country and generations of Americans have benefited from their enlightened words and heroic deeds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Code Annotated § 15-2-114 requires the Governor to proclaim April 19 of each year as "Patriots' Day"; and

**WHEREAS**, April 19 is the anniversary of the of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the initial battles of the Revolutionary War;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2019 as

*American Revolution Patriot's 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 nineteenth day of April, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*[Signature]*

Secretary of State