



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, homeownership is an essential element of the American Dream and serves as a foundation prosperity for many Tennessee families; and

WHEREAS, homeownership provides various economic and cultural benefits to communities throughout our state and encourages homeowners to take a more active role in the well-being of their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, homeownership helps generate jobs, income, and financial security throughout the state while serving as an important driver for the economy; and

WHEREAS, the National Housing Act, which was signed into law in June 1934, made homeownership more accessible for American families who previously could not have bought a home; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency aspires to meaningfully expand safe, sound, and affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, THDA's loan programs helped provide the dream of homeownership to 4,473 households in Tennessee in 2018; and

WHEREAS, through the HOME program, 215 families/individuals were assisted with homeownership or some type of homeowner preservation during 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency served 774 families through its Housing Trust Fund in 2018; and

WHEREAS, various stakeholders - including developers, lenders, real estate professionals, nonprofit counselors, and government agencies - work in cooperation to ensure access to homeownership opportunities for all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Homeownership Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the many positives of homeownership and empower Tennessee families with the resources necessary to overcome barriers to homeownership;

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

Homeownership 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

Joe Rye

Secretary of State

