



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established a Continental Army to secure the common defense of the original thirteen colonies during the War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, John Sevier and Isaac Shelby led Overmountain Men to Victory in the Battle of Kings Mountain, which halted the British invasion of North Carolina and Thomas Jefferson claimed was "the turn of the tide of success" during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, During the War of 1812, Col. Andrew Jackson and 5,000 Volunteers drove the British out of Pensacola, Fla., secured Mobile, Ala., and rendezvoused with their fellow Tennesseans to defeat the British in the Battle of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, President James K. Polk, a Tennessee native, requested 2,800 Tennessee Volunteers for the Mexican-American War and 30,000 Tennesseans offered their services, which solidified Tennessee as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the State of Tennessee have fought bravely in and supported all of the Nation's wars from the Revolutionary War to current worldwide deployments, and continue to make this state proud by also serving in peacekeeping missions around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Regular Army, U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard have all provided many of our state's citizens with vocational and educational opportunities, as well as valuable life lessons in courage, discipline and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, today's Army still offers citizens, from all walks of life, an opportunity to serve their state and nation proudly while bettering themselves and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2019, as the

244th Birthday Of The United States Army

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 ninth day of May, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Morgan Kousser".

Secretary of State

