



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, beef is one of Tennessee's top farm commodities generating more than 16 percent of the state's \$3.48 billion agricultural cash receipts annually; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee ranks 8th in the nation for number of farms and 15th in the nation for cattle production with more than 1.8 million head cattle and calves, and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee recognizes the important contributions of our state's 37,000 cattle producers; and

WHEREAS, cattle are among the most efficient means of converting forage to human food on more than 5 million acres of pasture in Tennessee, and thereby contribute to the conservation of soil by allowing those acres to remain in grass and legumes; and

WHEREAS, beef provides a valuable source of high-quality protein, as well as numerous vitamins and minerals important to a healthful diet; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee recognizes the economic and nutritional value of beef production and beef consumption to the enjoyment and good health of our citizens;

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

Beef 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 seventeenth day of May, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

John R. Hargett

Secretary of State

