



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, home health and safety hazards, including physical safety hazards, lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and allergens, cause or contribute to a wide range of illnesses and diseases, including lead poisoning, asthma, cancer, and injuries; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning can negatively impact development of children, especially those under age six; and

WHEREAS, accidents in the home hurt thousands of people in our state every year; and

WHEREAS, children are often harmed as a result of chemicals stored and used improperly in the home; and

WHEREAS, across the country, on average, at least 430 die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning and 50,000 more visit emergency rooms due to this serious household threat; and

WHEREAS, many of our state's families and households are unaware that their homes can have serious health hazards; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness about the dangers of unhealthy or unsafe housing can save lives and protect families;

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

Healthy Homes 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 twenty-eighth day of May, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Kergett

Secretary of State

