



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, formally adopted in 1777 by the Continental Congress to represent “a new constellation”, the Flag of the United States has represented our country for the past 242 years; and

WHEREAS, having undergone many changes over the years, thirteen stripes continue to grace Old Glory in honor of the thirteen original colonies; and

WHEREAS, flown on the Moon, placed on the graves of our country’s warriors, and carried into combat zones, the American flag is recognized as a symbol of sacrifice in service and unparalleled determination; and

WHEREAS, Francis Scott Key viewed our Country’s flag through explosions during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, it inspired his writing of America’s National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, may we continue to take inspiration from the sacrifices that have made the Flag of the United States of America the revered emblem that it is, and cherish the freedom that it symbolizes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 9-15, 2019 as **Flag Week** and June 14, 2019 as

Flag 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 thirteenth day of June, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State

