



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, entomology, the study of insects, plays an important role in the advancement of humanity by providing valuable insights in such diverse areas as agriculture, biology, chemistry, medicine, forensics, environmental science and economics; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's entomologists are involved in the development of ecologically sound pest management strategies, research supporting beekeeping in the state, research discovering new biochemical and genetic information using insect models and surveillance of insect vectors of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's entomologists work to protect the environment by monitoring invasive insect species and by protecting and preserving rare, threatened, and endangered native species and the fragile aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which are an integral part of our state's unique ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's entomologists contribute to the education of undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students in our state's institutions of higher education, as well as train future generations of entomologists; and

**WHEREAS**, Schoolchildren possess a natural curiosity about insects and Tennessee entomologists frequently educate these children as visiting scientists in classrooms throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Entomologists frequently educate Tennesseans about insects through interviews by television, radio and print media; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 46 years, the Tennessee Entomological Society has worked diligently in the public interest and is one of Tennessee's strongest supporters of scientific excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Entomological Society will hold its 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on October 17-18, 2019 at Tennessee State University in Nashville;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 13-19, 2019 as

*Entomology Week*

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 eighteenth day of June, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe R. Bergitt*

Secretary of State