



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation for the Aging, Inc., hereafter referred to as "TFA," is a 501c3 non-profit organization that was officially chartered and registered in the State of Tennessee on September 9, 1969;

WHEREAS, the TFA was organized by interested older adults and community leaders across Tennessee, in response to President Johnson signing the Older Americans Act of 1965 to create federal funding for an aging services network in the states;

WHEREAS, the TFA, in coordination with the State Unit on Aging and Disability, was an essential part of creating the statewide infrastructure fifty (50) years ago to provide for a senior center and nutrition meal site in each of the ninety-five (95) counties in Tennessee, in addition to other programs and services for older Tennesseans that are in place today; and

WHEREAS, the TFA has a 50-year history of advocating for funding to expand existing programs and services for older adults, as well as creating new ones, and providing training and networking opportunities for the provider network, in order to provide for a better quality of life for older Tennesseans for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, the TFA Board of Directors and membership is made up of a diverse group of agencies and representatives, such as the nine (9) Area Agencies on Aging & Disability, Alzheimer's Tennessee, Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability, Tennessee District Attorney General's Office, Senior Centers, Offices & Councils on Aging, long-term care, Human Resource Agencies, Development Districts, AARP, TN Dept. of Human Services Adult Protective Services Division, interfaith agencies, hospitals and health care agencies, and older Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the TFA has made essential contributions to the aging service provider network and the older Tennesseans they serve through training, advocacy, and resources offered at annual conferences, various seminars, and the annual "Aging Day on the Hill";

WHEREAS, the TFA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary by joining with the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A) for a combined annual conference to be held September 8-11, 2019, at Gaylord Opryland Hotel, where TFA accomplishments and highlights will be recognized; and

WHEREAS, the TFA's 50th Anniversary month coincides with National Senior Center Month, as proclaimed by the National Council on Aging & National Institute of Senior Centers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2019 as

*Tennessee Federation for the Aging's
50th Anniversary*

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 sixth day of August, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State