



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them; and

**WHEREAS**, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of local organizations to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2019 as

*Red Ribbon 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 twenty-ninth day of August, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State