



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Army Warrant Officer is a select and highly specialized cohort of the Army's officer corps comprising roughly three percent of the total force; and

WHEREAS, the Army Warrant Officer is a self-aware and adaptive technical expert, combat leader, trainer, advisor, and above all else, trusted professional; and

WHEREAS, Warrant Officers are vital instruments of their command, commissioned as field leaders; entrusted as technical subject experts, serving as operators, maintainers, managers, integrators and analysts of the Army's advanced systems, aircraft and weapons platforms; and

WHEREAS, Warrant Officers are integrators of emerging technologies, dynamic teachers, confident warfighters and developers of specialized teams of Soldiers depended on by leaders to provide concise, expert solutions to complex and dynamic situations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, the Adjutant General, Tennessee citizens and this nation count on Tennessee Army National Guard Warrant Officers to stand always ready, in constant support of Commanders, Staff and Soldiers, with process and systems mastery, critical and creative thinking, and professional knowledge that prepares their formations for state, domestic and global operations, whenever and wherever called upon; and

WHEREAS, on 9 July 1918, the U.S. Army Mine Planter Service was established and placed under the U.S. Army Coast Artillery Corps by an act of Congress, published in War Department Bulletin 43 on 22 July 1918; and

WHEREAS, a total of 40 Warrant Officers were subsequently authorized to serve as masters, mates, chief engineers and assistant engineers on each mine planting vessel, thus becoming the first U.S. Army Warrant Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Screaming Eagle Silver Chapter was established in 1984 and this marks its 35th year within the Tennessee community; and

WHEREAS, we come together to celebrate "The Week of the United States Army Warrant Officer" during its 101st year in 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Screaming Eagles with our Army and great nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 21-27, 2019 as

*U.S. Army, Army National Guard &
Army Reserve Warrant Officer 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 ninth day of September, 2019.

Governor

Secretary of State

