



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, all species of elephants are keystone species and vital to their native ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the public to be educated about the welfare of all species of elephants in captivity as the need for wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to The Elephant Sanctuary, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing individualized care, the companionship of a herd, and a secure environment for these highly intelligent and emotional creatures; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 The Sanctuary is celebrating 24 years of providing a safe haven and natural habitat refuge dedicated to the wellbeing of retired captive elephants and educating the public about the needs of elephants in captivity and the crisis facing elephants in the wild; and

WHEREAS, the Elephant Sanctuary is committed to improving the lives of all elephants;

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

Elephant Awareness Month

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.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jo Margaret

Secretary of State