



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, it is vitally important for all citizens, and especially our young people, to understand and value the founding documents of our country, including the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the virtuous principles found in these exceptional documents have not only helped to preserve our fundamental liberties in the United States, but have also served as an example and a beacon of freedom for the whole world; and

WHEREAS, TCA § 49-6-1014, enacted by the General Assembly in 2017, establishes "Celebrate Freedom Week" to have our state's public schools "educate students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country and the values upon which this country was founded"; and

WHEREAS, during this year's legislative session, further recognizing the essential need to equip students with knowledge to maximize their role as a good citizen, we have established the "Governors Civics Seal" to recognize public schools and local education agencies that implement high-quality civic education programs that prepare students for career and civic life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2019 as

Celebrate Freedom 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 tenth day of September, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State