



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's 6.7 million residents rely on our 60,000 miles of rivers and streams, high quality aquifers, and groundwater along with our more than 100,000 miles of public water infrastructure to provide drinking water to greater than 90 percent of our state's population; and

**WHEREAS**, access to clean drinking water and responsible water management is critical to Tennessee communities' public and environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation, and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the water and wastewater infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, utilities in urban, suburban, and rural Tennessee communities are grappling with aging infrastructure and access to the reliable funding required to maintain and upgrade their systems; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in our drinking water and wastewater systems will secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, every individual can make a difference when it comes to conserving and saving water to protect this critical resource and promote a healthy economy and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee recognizes that water is essential to our quality of life and economic competitiveness and acknowledges the importance of educating the public about the value of all water through the "Imagine a Day Without Water" campaign;

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

*"Imagine a Day Without Water" Day*

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 seventh day of October, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State