



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is one of the nation's leading agricultural states and benefits from an annual economic impact of more than \$75 billion generated from agriculture and forestry; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that we educate students about the importance of agriculture to our state and our nation to ensure a safe and affordable food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee agriculture industry is committed to recognizing and celebrating the contributions of agriculture to our everyday lives, sharing the message of how agriculture contributes to our strong economy through the production of safe, abundant, and affordable food and fiber products, renewable energy, and job opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, reading is an important skill that influences success in school and in life, and Tennessee Agriculture Literacy Week promotes reading accurate agriculture books and sparks discussion about the importance of Tennessee agriculture;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17-23, 2019 as

*Agriculture Literacy 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 twentieth day of November, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Mangatt*

Secretary of State