



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Rosa L. Parks played a leading role in the civil rights history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 1955, Parks defied an order to give up her seat on a bus to a white man; and

**WHEREAS**, while Parks was not the first person to resist segregation in this way, her arrest led to outrage in the Montgomery community and across the country, resulting in a successful boycott of bus services in this city; and

**WHEREAS**, Parks' courageous stand became a seminal moment in the civil rights movement and served as an example and symbol of nonviolent protest; and

**WHEREAS**, Parks was a recipient of the nation's highest honors that can be bestowed upon a civilian, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal, among many other honors and awards; and

**WHEREAS**, following her death on October 24, 2005, she became the first woman to lie in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the most prominent streets in Nashville, and home to the Tennessee Tower state office building, is named in her honor; and

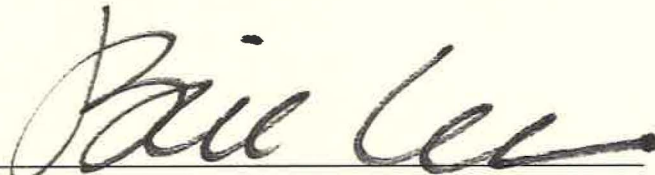
**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code requires that the Governor proclaim December 1 of each year as "Mrs. Rosa L. Parks Day"

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2019 as

*Mrs. Rosa L. Parks 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 twentieth day of November, 2019.

  
Governor

  
Secretary of State

