



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, graduate education attracts over 27,000 students nationally and internationally to Tennessee universities, awards over 8,500 graduate student degrees from Tennessee public and private institutions annually, and contributes to the economic growth and stability of the state, generating more than 1.1 billion dollars in economic impact; and

**WHEREAS**, graduate education in Tennessee is enhanced by assistantships and involvement with local organizations and businesses that participate in the advancement of resources to the community and to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee graduate students and graduate education across the state have helped increase the earning power of Tennessee citizens, have attracted new businesses and creative ideas such as artificial intelligence, neuroscience, the arts, biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, information technology, literacy, materials science, and children's health; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee graduate faculty engage in internationally-recognized scholarship, producing a significant body of research that contributes to the broad base of knowledge essential for advancing education in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, alumni from Tennessee graduate schools occupy leadership roles in school systems, institutions of higher learning, health-related institutions, businesses, government, and politics;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 9 through February 15, 2020, as

*Graduate Education 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 twelfth day of December, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Scott Bergatt*

Secretary of State