



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, strong families and healthy child development are the foundation for successful communities and a more prosperous state; and

WHEREAS, parent leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, parent leadership is a necessary component in any effective family strengthening and family support program; and

WHEREAS, meaningful parent leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in meaningful roles and present a "parent voice" to help shape the direction of their families, parent support programs, and communities; and

WHEREAS, parent leadership is successfully achieved when parents receive support and training and share responsibility, expertise, and leadership in the planning, implementation, oversight and evaluation of policies, practices, and programs that affect families and communities; and

WHEREAS, more parents each year are developing vital partnerships with service providers, policymakers, and key stakeholders to build stronger, safer communities for children; and

WHEREAS, the power of parents speaking publicly about their experiences has made, and will continue to make, an impact on the lives of Tennessee families;

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

Parent Leadership Month

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 sixteenth day of December, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Hergett".

Secretary of State

