



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, common outdoor air pollutants include a mixture of particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and ozone, among other pollutants; and

WHEREAS, poor air quality can cause health concerns such as asthma, allergies, lung disease, cancer, cardiovascular effects, anxiety, and depression; and

WHEREAS, babies, young children, teenagers, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with preexisting respiratory medical conditions are especially vulnerable to air pollution; and

WHEREAS, poor air quality increases healthcare costs for heart attack, stroke, asthma, lung cancer, and respiratory illness hospitalizations and even premature deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Index color system makes it easy for people to quickly determine if air quality is reaching levels that might be unhealthy for them to be working, playing, or exercising outdoors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 4 - 8, 2020 as

Air Quality Awareness 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 eighteenth day of February, 2020.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. Hargrett".

Secretary of State