



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee is experiencing unprecedented and increasing levels of behavioral health concerns including rising deaths from drug overdose and suicide; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee has increased resources for prevention, treatment, and recovery services to address the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, community behavioral health providers, local governments, community groups, and faith leaders have risen to this challenge in order to meet the needs of those who are struggling and provide hope of a new life; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans with lived experience of substance use and mental illness are now living lives of recovery and spreading hope to others every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2020 as

Tennessee's Day of Hope

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 twenty-fourth day of February, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of J. Morgan Kousser in blue ink.

Secretary of State

