



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, throughout our state's history through today, cowboy poets play a large part in preserving our western heritage and the culture of Tennessee through poetry; and

WHEREAS, the long tradition and enduring qualities of these poems and their stories demonstrate that cowboy poetry is part of a long-cherished legacy; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has produced well-respected cowboy poets; and

WHEREAS, the celebrations and official designations and proclamations of a state should reflect the traditions and values of its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2020 as

Cowboy Poetry 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 nineteenth day of March, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Ruggitt

Secretary of State

