



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, a Proclamation, dated March 10, 2020, declared a state of emergency arising from a series of severe storms and rain events beginning in January 2020 and causing slope failures and flooding damage to several state highways in Hardin, Decatur, Haywood, Lauderdale, Dyer, Lake, Van Buren, Marion, Hamilton, Knox, and Unicoi Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2020, during this state of emergency, additional severe weather, including tornadoes and straight-line winds, occurred in Tennessee, causing substantial damage and destruction, loss of life, and threats to public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 13, dated March 4, 2020, declared a state of emergency to suspend certain provisions of laws and rules in order to provide relief to victims of the catastrophic weather events in Tennessee on March 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, following the catastrophic weather events that occurred on March 3, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has identified locations in Davidson, Putnam, Smith, and Wilson Counties that should be added to the locations that suffered damage during the severe weather described in the Proclamation dated March 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has determined that roadway signs were damaged on State Route 6, State Route 155, Interstate 24, Interstate 40, and Interstate 65 in Davidson County; and

**WHEREAS**, roadway signs were damaged on U.S. Route 70 in Putnam County, Interstate 40 in Smith County, and State Route 109, Interstate 40, and Interstate 840 in Wilson County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation responded to these events with appropriate traffic control and maintenance to protect facilities from further damage, and the Department of Transportation will award contracts to repair this damage.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, including but not limited to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b), do hereby declare a state of emergency existed in Davidson, Putnam, Smith, and Wilson Counties in Tennessee beginning on March 3, 2020, in addition to the continuing state of emergency existing in Hardin, Decatur, Haywood, Lauderdale, Dyer, Lake, Van Buren, Marion, Hamilton, Knox, and Unicoi Counties. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b)(2), this state of emergency will remain in effect until I have determined that the emergency conditions no longer exist; provided that in no event will the state of emergency continue for longer than sixty (60) additional days, unless specifically renewed.

**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 25th day of March, 2020.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

